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A FLOURISHING INDUSTRY.

To carry its business through the financial stringencies of 1907 and 1908, face the shrinkage in value, the great increase in price of raw materials, maintain throughout an unperturbed volume of business without any apparent effect upon its commercial standing, and at the end of these two years be in a position to announce an increased dividend to its shareholders are subjects for congratulations for any Canadian industrial or commercial enterprise. This, however, has been the good fortune of the Hart Boot & Shoe Company of this city. Yesterday afternoon the shareholders of this company at their annual meeting experienced the satisfaction of being able to vote to themselves an increased dividend of one per cent over that paid last year. This company was established ten years ago. To say that it has had a struggle for existence is putting the case in moderate language, but behind the enterprise was a Board of Directors who from the first determined upon its success and who worked with that object alone in view—often under very discouraging circumstances. Now they have the high satisfaction of realizing a manufacturing industry which has made way against both Canadian and United States competition, and today the company is known from Sydney to Vancouver, as "Canada's best Shoemaker."

The shareholders of the company have a just pride in its success and the city of Fredericton should be equally loyal to the industry—the first of its kind in this province to make good. During the ten years the company has been in operation about one half a million dollars have been paid out in cash for wages, salaries and materials in this city, having as it must have had a very material effect upon the comfort and welfare of all classes of the community.

What the Hart Boot & Shoe Co. has done here should be an active stimulus to others. There is plenty of money lying practically idle in the banks in this city to establish a dozen such industries. Is it not time that our people shook off their extreme conservatism and gave practical proof of their boasted faith in "our Canada" by using their surplus money for the benefit of their country and fellow citizens, rather than giving it for a nominal interest to bankers to speculate with (so far as the law allows)? In the meantime The Herald congratulates the shareholders of the Hart Boot & Shoe Co., upon having such an able and substantial Board of Directors and upon the wise, but up-to-date policy that governs their industry, of which Fredericton is justly proud.

CURRENT COMMENT

An Ottawa despatch to the New York Sun, dealing with forest fires, refers to Campbellton as "a hamlet on the Intercolonial railway." This is rather rough on the enterprising North Shore town, which claims a lower tax rate than Fredericton.

Premier Hazen, Col. McLeod, Dr. Daniel and O. S. Crockett, M.P.'s, are announced to speak at the Stanley political picnic. Why has Mr. Pinder's name been omitted from the list of speakers. Surely the old war-horse is entitled to some consideration.

Sun: In boasting of the soundness of New Brunswick's financial credit, it never seems to occur to these government journals that every "point with pride" gives the lie to their wails of bankruptcy when the late government was in power. New Brunswick's credit should be good. It has been carefully conserved for years.

The choice of a successor to Chief Superintendent Inch was made from among four applicants, viz: B. C. Foster and Dr. D. W. Hamilton of this city, Inspector Carter of St. John, and Inspector Mersereau of Doaktown. There were six members of the executive at the meeting, four of whom gave their support to Inspector Carter. Inspector Mersereau had one supporter, Dr. Hamilton one, and Mr. Foster did not get a vote. Mr. Foster has been an active worker for the Tory party, and his friends are none too well pleased over his turn down.

The Chatham World, commenting on Inspector Carter's appointment as chief superintendent says: "Inspector Carter of St. John and Charlottetown, has been appointed Chief Superintendent of Education in succession to Dr. Inch. Mr. Mersereau, the senior inspector, was passed over. Mr. Carter was formerly an active Liberal, and is still classed as such by some St. John papers, but supported the Hazen candidates in the last election." For the information of the world we might say that Inspector Mersereau was "passed over" because certain members of the government who promised him their support, failed to keep their word.

TO FILL THE TREASURY.

President Taft Wants to Tax Incomes and Corporations.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—President Taft tomorrow will send to Congress a message urging the passage of an amendment to the tariff bill, imposing a tax of two per cent upon the undisturbed net earnings of corporations, and the adoption of a resolution submitting to the several States an amendment to the constitutions, giving Congress the power to impose a tax on incomes. This understanding was reached at a session of the Cabinet today, and was approved by Republican leaders of the Senate, who conferred with the President during the afternoon and evening.

In order that there shall be no question that the two propositions to be recommended have the support of the Administration, Attorney-General Wickersham, according to present plans, will draft both the amendment, when introduced, will be expected that the corporation tax amendment, when introduced, will be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that the resolution submitted the question of amending the constitution will go to the Committee on Judiciary. Doubtless both of these committees will report promptly, so that all of the questions involved may be disposed of on Friday, when the pending income tax amendment will be taken up.

CHINESE JUSTICE.

Li Hung Chang and the Men Who Tried to Poison Him.

When Li Hung Chang was Chinese premier and was having a bitter fight with some of the more conservative members of the tsung-li-yamen he received as a present a magnificent cake which he had reason to suspect contained poison. He put the cake aside and set all his powerful machinery to work to find out who was at the bottom of the plot. The investigation was partly successful, the crime being traced to three men, of whom one at least was absolutely guilty. Li had the trio arrested and brought to his yamen. When they arrived they were ushered into his presence and were received in his courtliest manner. The cake was produced with the remark that politeness forbade his tasting it until the three generous donors had had an opportunity to enjoy its excellence. Li cut the cake, and one of his servants handed it to the unwilling guests. Each took a piece and ate or pretended to eat it. One crumbled the pieces and let them fall upon the floor, but the other two ate calmly, without manifesting any emotion. Ten minutes and the two men began to show symptoms of suffering. Li smiled benignantly and said to the man who had not eaten, "Your wisdom is so great that I am compelled to preserve your head as a souvenir to transcendental genius."

The man was removed and promptly decapitated. To the other two the premier remarked: "The cake that you are eating is not the one you sent, but one which I had my cook imitate. The poison from which you are suffering exists only in your imagination. I know of no way to cure your present pain except by letting you share the same fate as your friend who has just left the room."

As they were led away the statesman said to his retinue, "It is a pity that a man who can eat a deadly corrosive poison with an unmoved countenance should so misapprehend the talent wherewith heaven has endowed him."

Solved.

Each May we've moved from flat to flat, But now we'll have no more of that.

Each May we've suffered and endured, But now that annual ill is cured.

We've hit upon a splendid plan— We've settled in the moving van! —Chicago Post.

Saved by Her Coiffure.

"Was she hurt when she was thrown from the automobile?"
"Nope. She landed on her head."
"Without suffering any damage?"
"Well, it smashed a roll, a double row of puffs and seven rats!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

An Uplifting Poem.

Cried, Bliss, Faded, "This."
Poet With Others Like
Happy Filled The Verse
The I'm Got Crazy
"Aha!" "Now I've With
—Lippincott's Magazine.

An Easy Preventive.

A medical writer recommends the eating of young raw onions by children. It is found to be the simplest way of avoiding kisses, with their attendant dangers.—Punch.

Our Way.

The world will forgive a man's error in trade
And straightway forget it forever.
The same of an error in morals is true,
But an error in center field—never!
—Buffalo Evening News.

Revised Version.

She—What is that old adage about the dancer having to pay?
He—They who dance must settle with the chiropodist.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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Suggested Duty on Pulp.

Washington, June 16.—The Senate finance committee yesterday practically decided to place a duty of one-twelfth of a cent per pound on pulp coming from countries which impose a countervailing duty on like articles imported into those countries from the United States, or hamper the free exportation of their wood products to the United States.

Crime to Sell Skim Milk.

Albany, N.Y., June 16.—The court of appeals yesterday handed down a decision in which it holds that the sale of skimmed milk in New York City is a crime. The court sustains the lower courts in overruling a demurrer of the Liberman Dairy Co. to an action brought by the state to recover \$5,000 penalty for the sale of skimmed milk.

Painting at Laval Stolen.

Quebec, June 16.—"The Gamblers," by Salvator Rosa, a painting valued at about \$3,000, was cut from its frame and stolen at Laval University Monday night. The robbery was perpetrated while a lecture was being delivered by Mr. Purves Carter, an English artist, who has been engaged for some time past repairing and retouching the collection at Laval, which is considered one of the most valuable in the British possessions.

Leaves Queen's For Seattle. Kingston, June 15.—Dr. C. W. Dickson, lecturer of chemistry at Queen's, has resigned and will locate at Seattle, Wash.

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