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| MONDAY                                                  | 9,786         |
| TUESDAY                                                 | 9,435         |
| WEDNESDAY                                               | 8,554         |
| THURSDAY                                                | 9,435         |
| FRIDAY                                                  | 8,616         |
| SATURDAY                                                | 8,977         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                            | <b>54,803</b> |
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## TARIFF TALK

In his speech at the banquet in Montreal last evening, Hon. Mr. Fielding intimated that the interests of the farmers had been considered in connection with the revision of the tariff, and that the policy of a moderate tariff was the policy adopted by the government. He was clearly opposed to extreme protective views.

The position of the farmers of the west on the tariff issue is very clear. They would eliminate the protective principle entirely. Thus a recent memorial to parliament from the Dominion Grange, the Farmers' Association of Ontario, and the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association concluded as follows:

"We therefore ask, in the coming revision of the tariff, that the protective principle be wholly eliminated; that the principle of tariff for revenue only, and that revenue based on an honest and economical expenditure of public funds, be adopted; and, as proof of our sincerity, we will, if this position is adopted by the government, gladly assent to the entire abolition of the whole list of duties on agricultural imports."

This was one of the phases of the tariff question the commission had to consider. The memorial which concluded as above quoted set forth at some length the views of the farmers, and will be of special interest now, in view of the coming tariff debate. We quote:

The farmers of Canada have become genuinely alarmed by the aggressive campaign carried on by the Manufacturers' Association during the past few years with a view of having the tariff made more protective than it is now. When protection was first asked for, we were assured that what was then requested would be required but a short time in order to allow our manufacturing industries to secure a fair footing.

The request made was granted by the electors and the rate of taxation levied on dutiable goods, averaging 21 1/2 per cent. in 1878, was increased to an average of 26 per cent. by 1880. Today we have an average tariff on dutiable goods about one and one-half per cent. higher than it was when the protective tariff became effective. And yet, with the infants of that period grown to the mammoth concerns of the twentieth century, we find the cry is still for more. The more there is given, and the less the requirement for giving, the greater are the demands made. If a halt is not at once called we shall find conditions in this country similar to those prevailing in parts of Europe, with a small class of wealthy barons at the top and serfs at the bottom—manufacturers being the barons and farmers the serfs.

That agriculture, with a capital investment four times the investment in manufacturing, should be the first care of our legislators is self evident. That the effort of the tariff has been to foster and stimulate manufacturers at the expense of our basic industry can be easily demonstrated.

In Manitoba, where agriculture is pre-eminently the industry of the people, we find that rural population shows an increase for the ten years ending with 1900 of 8 per cent., less than the increase in urban population. In Ontario rural population decreased in the ten years by 3.4 per cent., while urban increased by 34.4 per cent. In Canada as a whole the rural increase was 11.2 per cent., while the increase in cities, towns and villages was 31.2. And the same tendency is observable still, but in a more marked degree. The report of the Bureau of Industries shows a decline of twenty-seven thousand in rural population in Ontario between 1900 and 1904, while city and town population increased from seven hundred and ninety-four thousand to eight hundred and eighty-seven thousand. In Manitoba, where population increased by 100,000 between 1900 and July last, about eight-tenths of the increase was in cities and towns.

This aggrandizement of the urban at the expense of the rural sections is an effect of protection. The protection accorded by the tariff enables manufacturers of certain classes of agricultural implements to charge Canadian consumers 25 per cent. more than the value of the articles manufactured. The same protective tariff permits an overcharge of 30 to nearly 50 per cent. on woollen goods, and 60 per cent. on the cheaper lines of farm carriages. The average rate of taxation on dutiable goods in 1904 was 27 1/2 per cent., and to that extent, speaking broadly, Canadian manufacturers were enabled to overcharge Canadian consumers on purchases made by those consumers. Farmers do not and cannot secure any compensation in return for all this by any tariff that can be devised. We have today, a surplus of one hundred and twenty million dollars of farm produce for export; that surplus is continually increasing and so long as these conditions continue, the foreign price must control the home price of farm products. While a protective tariff can and does limit our purchasing power, it cannot and does not enhance the price of articles we have to sell.

## A LABOR PARTY

The American Federation of Labor has adopted a resolution endorsing the organization of labor men throughout the United States, as an independent political force. The action of President Gompers in the recent campaign, in which he marshalled the forces of labor against Congressman Littlefield of Maine and some other Republicans who had not voted to suit his views, was endorsed. Such men are described as the "enemies of labor." On the other hand, the labor men are not in sympathy with the Socialists, who, they say, talk but do nothing.

The entrance of a distinct labor party into the political field in the United States will add interest to the struggle, and will to some extent affect the policies of the older parties. Doubtless there will presently be a somewhat similar movement in Canada; indeed there are already several labor members in the Canadian parliament. But the movement will not grow as rapidly in this country because there are not as many large centres of population. Year by year, however, the importance of the labor element in political affairs will grow, and will modify policies even if it should fail to assume anything like a commanding position.

## "AMERICAN AMBITION"

Secretary Root is vigorously advocating increased trade facilities between the United States and South America. In Kansas City last night he delivered an address and is thus reported:

"He said the time had come for an expansion of trade between the countries of the north and the south that would result in the peaceful prosperity of a mighty commerce. He declared that the means of communication between these countries must be improved and increased and said the 'woeful deficiency in the means to carry on and enlarge our South American trade is but a part of the general decline and feebleness of the American merchant marine.'"

The recent visit of Mr. Root to the South American republic has evidently impressed him with the advantages to be derived from an enlarged commerce, and incidentally he finds opportunity to suggest that action be taken to develop the merchant marine of the United States, a question that has received a good deal of attention during the last three years.

It is estimated that if the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches would recognize the historic episcopate the Anglican Church would not be averse to church union. It is at least encouraging that the possibility of union is receiving very earnest consideration. Ancient differences are less vital than modern problems that await solution.

The provincial government may find it necessary to look into matters connected with the police department of St. John. The friction that has been apparent for some years threatens to weaken the efficiency of the department.

The I. C. R. pension bill will be brought down at this session of parliament. The minister expresses confidence that it will prove satisfactory. In the United Kingdom the question of old age pensions is under consideration.

The town of Sydney is determined to have industries, even if it has to pay a substantial bonus to get them. The policy is one of doubtful value, though there may be rare occasions when conditions warrant such a course.

The French senate yesterday endorsed the government's policy with regard to the church by a vote of 213 to 32. That should be decisive enough to satisfy most people.

The Steel and Coal companies are still apparently far from a complete settlement of their differences. This is bad for Cape Breton.

## LIFE IN MONTREAL

Extract from a letter of a former resident of St. John, now living in Montreal. "We could write a long letter on the Sphinx-like gentility and elephantine slowness of the Montreal Light and Heat Company." "In Montreal one would judge from what one reads in the advertisements of the landlords, that the tenant must first slaughter his own children, then pay the landlord's taxes, repair his building, pay his own rent, and protect him from his mother-in-law &c. &c. What other things may be in hiding deponent knoweth not. However, it is possible to live here, in spite of the landlord, although that is not his fault."

Among the passengers to arrive by the Boston train last night were a Russian Jewess, Mrs. Philip Green, and her two children. She was totally ignorant of the English language and when taken to central station exhibited a piece of paper bearing her husband's name and address. He was located at 28 Acadia street, early this morning and hurried to the police station where a happy reunion took place.

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Songs of the pain of old.  
And the sound of mournful runes  
Creeps over the empty dunes  
Till the blood runs pale with cold.

To bring you succor of sorrow?  
Never aid never again!  
The days shall rise and be spent  
With fear and with fear unspent,  
And the soul shall swoon with pain.

To bring you succor of sorrow?  
Never aid never again!  
—James E. Richardson, in the November  
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## IN LIGHTER VEIN

CHANGED.  
"He is a regular pessimist; always expecting trouble."

"Yes, and he used to be the greatest optimist you ever heard of."  
"What caused the change?"  
"He bought an automobile."

A SUGGESTION.  
"The Atlantic coast is said to be sinking at the rate of one foot a century. What will the people do?"  
"They might stand on the other foot."

QUIBBLING.  
"Have you any musical instruments?"  
"I have a graphophone."  
"That is not what I asked you."

PROBABLY.  
"A man's wife is his inspiration for all the great things he accomplishes."  
"Then you thing Edison's wife suggested the phonograph?"

READY TO LISTEN.  
"I don't suppose you'd like to have a fool come in here and try to tell you how to conduct your business?"  
"Oh, I don't mind a little thing like that; were you going to suggest something?"

A SUBSTITUTE.  
"I see a substitute has been discovered for cork."

"What is it called? Do you know?"  
"Cornucopia."

BAFFLED.  
"Why does the widow appear angry?"  
"She broke her husband's will while he was living."

"Well, now that he is dead, she finds she can't break his will."

## DYNAMITE OUTRAGE

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Hotel Blown up and Two People Killed as Result of Fight Among Workmen.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—A despatch from Victoria (B. C.), says: The Canadian Hotel at Niagara, a small town seven miles up North Fork, Kettle River, from Grand Forks, was blown up last night. A girl named Louise King, aged eighteen, and an unknown Italian, were killed, and nine people were injured.

When the explosion took place the girl was standing a few feet from her mother, and her body was blown in two, leaving the trunk intact. One side of the building was demolished and fire then consumed the structure.

The report says a fight took place in the hotel Sunday between some Frenchmen and Italians, when the former threatened to blow up the hotel and during the night there was a lot of indiscriminate rifle shooting. The dynamite for the outrage was obtained by breaking into the warehouse of the contractors of the town. No arrests have been made.

## SUCCESSFUL CARNIVAL

The bal masque and carnival held in Victoria Rink last evening was considered by all to be the best yet held this season. Nearly 2,000 people were present and the costumes were unusually good. The gentlemen's prize was won by A. W. Kennedy, a Jewish High Priest, and the ladies' prize by Mrs. William Merritt as the Indian Princess.

The combination prize was won by a number of young ladies and gentlemen with a most original representation of Winter Port Immigrants. In the combination were Messrs. G. Crawford, F. Murphy, H. Robinson, J. Nevers, C. Smith, A. Emery and W. Smith, and Misses Storm, Murphy, Parkins, Mabey, Paris and Whittaker.

The lucky tickets had the numbers 2305, 2846, 2379, 2387, 1956, and 1992. H. Arrowsmith held ticket No. 2846, which took second prize. After the carnival on rollers, the skates were discarded and dancing was enjoyed until 11.45. The Vic's own band played excellent music and in all the evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

## THE BREACH IS WIDENING

Montreal, Nov. 20.—Mail correspondence has passed between the Dominion Coal and Dominion Steel companies the latest letter from James Ross, of the former company, is one showing that a settlement of the dispute is as far off as ever.

Mr. Ross had until Wednesday noon to accept the proposition of the steel company offering to take each coal as was suitable to their needs. To this Mr. Ross has replied that he cannot comply with the demands.

Charles Campbell, who for several years has been manager of the Dufferin Hotel, has resigned his position and left on Monday evening for Quebec, where it is understood he intends building a roller rink. Mrs. E. LaRoi Willis, who has been here for a couple of months, will be in charge until a successor to Mr. Campbell is appointed.

Capt. Walsh, marine superintendent of the C. P. R., was in the city yesterday.

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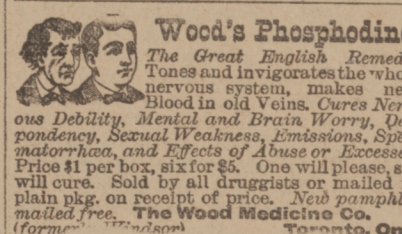
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