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THE TRADE STATEMENT

The trade statement of Canada for the last eight months is not satisfactory. While there has been an aggregate increase of nearly $23,000,000 over the like period last year, the value of exports has actually decreased by nearly $5,000,000. In November both imports and exports showed a decline, the total being nearly $6,000,000 less than that for November, 1906.

The trade balance has been going against Canada for some months past, and the statement just issued is more unfavorable than previous ones. Of course the financial stringency has caused a falling off in business to some extent, but the unpleasant feature of this statement is the great difference between the volume of imports and exports.

The statement is another warning to the government to take in sail. No one imagines that there will not be a recovery. Indeed some clear headed business men express the belief that with the opening up of the spring season there will be a marked revival of industry and a continuance of the great development which ha been in progress for some years past. Certain it is that Canada must continue to go forward. This is the land of opportunity, to which investors as well as emigrants are looking. But there has been a chreck to the forward movement and a slackening of industry. This is therefore a time for exceptional proudence and economy in administration.

A SERIOUS CHARGE

The following serious charge is made by the Chatham World: "Positive statements are freely made, giving localities and other particulars, to the effect that the lumbermen who are interested in pulpwood are cutting thousands of trees far under the legal limit. The surveyor general has been notified, but does nothing."

The press has stated within the last few days that enormous quantities of pulpwood are being cut to be exported from the Miramichi to the United States, by American operators holding concessions in that region. The World is informed that trees under the legal limit are being cut. This is a matter that cannot be permitted to pass unnoticed. We have heard much of late concerning the need of conserving the forest wealth of the province, and it is surely a remarkable state of affairs if the government is winking at violations of existing regulations. If there is any foundation for the World's statement, the truth of its concluding remark is obvious:—"There is only one thing to do to improve the situation, and that is to turn them (the government) out and try other men."

BANKS AND MR. FIELDING

The Montreal Star is still unable to see why Mr. Fielding should appear to care more for the banks than for the people. It states the case thus:

"Mr. Fielding denies the atrocious charge that he has notified the Banking Association that he intends to raise the rate on savings bank deposits from three to three and a half per cent. At that, the Banking Association ought to let him off. But if the people are not wholly neglectful of their own interests they may not be so lenient. The present rate of interest is below the value of the money which the depositors leave with the banks. It is lower than the rate which Mr. Fielding pays on behalf of the nation to the bankers for any loans he now has with them. Canada cannot borrow money from the bankers within les sthan a percentage and a half more than the rate at which Canada does borrow money from the people. It is surely time that the people had a heart-to-heart talk with Canada's slick cashier, the young man from Halifax."

There is a growing impression that the relations of the people to the banks might be made more advantageous to the people without serious injury to the banks. The bankers are able men and the banking system shines by contrast with some others, but admiration should not go the length of worship, and there is at least a possibility that the government might be able to increase the rate of interest in the government savings banks without causing a dislocation of the whole banking system of Canada. Mr. Fielding might well consider the matter

TWO SIDES PRESENTED

The Licensed Victuallers' Association, in view of the vigorous local option campaign in Ontario, has begun a counter movement by issuing advertisements and literature designed to show that local option has failed in Maine. According to the Toronto News this literature declares that arrests for drunkenness in Maine have increased this year at the rate of 122 a month over 1906 and it proceeds to denounce the "local option Pharisees" and to urge the people to "stand up for your personal liberty and your neighbor's." It is added that "decent bars are better than speak-easies."

Commenting on this the News argues that personal liberay to drink does not involve the right to license social drinking places, and that "This is the view of many thousands of citizens who are not 'Pharisees' and who have as high regard for personal liberty as the champions of the liquor business."

Proceeding further with its argument, the News says:—"There are no doubt violations of the Maine prohibitory law, but it is significant that for more than a generation the state has adhered to prohibition and it is just as noteworthy, as our own eastern provinces testify, that where licenses have been abolished for any considerable period it is almost impossible to induce the community to reestablish the public traffic in liquor."

INTERESTING CONTRAST

One paragraph in the St. John Globe's article on Mr. Tarte will be read with much interest by the friends of another minister who is now very much in evidence. The Globe says of Mr. Tarte:

"It is to his credit that he never gave away the secrets of his party to his new friends, and never scandalised the old ones by any discoveries or theatrical announcements in or out of parliament."

Clearly there must have been in the mind of the Globe the recollection of a disagreeable incident, in which someone sought to scandalise old friends, and to attract attention to himself by alleged discoveries and theatrical announcements. For this sort of thing the Globe has no relish. Some would no doubt assume that it was Dr. Pugsley the Globe had in mind when it contrasted Mr. Tarte with theatrical and spectacular politicians. Of course Dr. Pugsley would himself deny that the article in any sence applied to him, and perhaps he would be right. It is a matter of opinion. Nevertheless the Globe's remark is worthy of attention. If it were not the Globe would not have made it with so much clearness and force.

Of the disadvantage under which Canadian coastwise shipping labors in competition with the Norwegians, the Chatham World says:—"The time is not far distant, unless something is done to protect Canadian vessels from foreign competition, when our flag will cease to fly on the coast. The Norwegians have our foreign trade now, and are rapidly taking possession of our coastwise trade. Is it not about time that Parliament woke up and did something for the protection of Canadian shipping?"

The Victoria Colonist observes: "A rude jolt to the calculations of the enemies of Great Britain was administered in London last week by Mr. Haldane, the secretary of war. In discussing the organization of an imperial army, he said a feature of the scheme was that foes would find great difficulty in computing the territorial forces distributed throughout the empire. Canada, he pointed out, was leading the way, but he was actively negotiating with Australia. All the colonies, he was glad to be able to say, were enthusiastic in their loyalty to the throne."

The Montreal Gazette says: — "Mr. Pugsley has intimated in parliament that he will speak on what he knows about Conservative electoral sins when, in his opinion, the right time comes. As the time when it comes will also be one for others speaking about what they know of Liberal electoral sins it may be assumed that when it does come those who like that sort of discussion will get a great deal of what they like."

The United States congress is asked to consider bills authorizing the purchase of extensive forest lands in many states, to preserve them as a national asset. This illustrates the growing recognition of the value of the forest reosurces of the nation.

The protest of Ontario farmers against military training in the public schools is doubtless the beginning of a movement that will reach out to other provinces. Nevertheless the system will probably be adopted.

Mining horrors follow each other with awful frequency and destructive effect. Those who toil in the coal mines are subjected to dreadful risks, and the loss of life is large in proportion to the number of men employed.

One peppery member of the United States congress drew blood from the nasal organ of another member on the floors of the house yesterday. Would this be described as a Christmas box?

The cargo of schr Thomas W Lawson was insured for $90,000 at Lloyd's; some of the schooner's owners insured. The vessel is broken in two between the fifth and sixth masts; after part sunk in deep water; for-

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20 Cents.
will purchase Stocking Protectors, Polishing Brushes.

15 Cents.
will purchase Dolls' Moccasins, Polishing Mitts, Silk Laces.

10 Cents.
will purchase Shoe Polish, Hair and Cork Insoles, Porpoise Laces.

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Who when he sees you at the door
Stops there to chat an hour or more,
And tells you facts you knew before?
The candidate.

Who makes it his particular biz
To ask about the health of "Sis,"
And wants to know how baby is?
The candidate.

Who, after the campaign is o'er,
Announces politics a bore—
Knows old acquaintances no more?
The candidate.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

ONE HOPE OF CELEBRITY.

Dupont—I think your son will be very celebrated if he lives long enough.

Durand—In what way?

Dupont—Why, for his great age.—Pele Mele.

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NOT SENTIMENT.

He—Oh, please, Mademoiselle Jeanne do not call me Mr. Durand.

She (coyly)—Oh, but our acquaintance is so short. Why should I not call you that?

He—Well, chefly because my name is Dupont.—Nos Loisirs.

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MULTUM IN PARVO.

(Culled from a provincial newspaper.)

The unhappy man looked into the barrel of his gun to see if it was loaded.

It was ! !

The funeral will take place next Sunday at 12.30.

Shot, but how eloquent ! ! — Nos Loisirs.

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EVIL COMMUNICATIONS.

Mme Le Comtesse (to her maid)—Where is the dog, Jeanne?

Maid—Playing with the dog from next door, ma'am.

Mme. La Comtesse—Run quick and fetch him in. You know quite well that that family is not in our set.—Pele Mele.

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ANOTHER TIME-SAVING DEVICE.

Master—What is the date of the Battle of Waterloo?

Pupil—I don't know, sir.

Master—It is a very simple thing, if you haven't a good memory, to employ some mechanical method to aid you. In this case, for instance, take the Twelve Apostles, add the half to their number, which makes 18. Multiply them by a 100, that makes 1800. Now take the Twelve Apostles again and add a quarter to their number, which makes 15. Add it all up together, which makes it 1815, the date you want. Very simple, you see, and you can always remember dates by using that system.—Nos Loisirs.

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A CHILD'S DICTIONARY.

The late Frederick R. Coudert, the noted lawyer and wit, had a great fondness for children. He collected indefatigably the quaint sayings of children, and one of the treasures of his library was a small manuscript volume, called "A Child's Dictionary," and these are some of the definitions that Mr. Coudert would read from it:

"Dust—Mud with the juice squeezed out of it."

"Snoring—Letting off sleep."

"Apples—The bubbles that apple trees blow."

"Backbiter—A mosquito."

"Fan—A thing to brush the warm off with."

"Ice—Water that went to sleep in the cold."—Boston Herald.

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Eugene Power's latest melo-drama, A Romance of the South, will be the Christmas night bill in the Opera House. This play, in four acts, tells a story of human passion, rivalry, love, adventure and thrills. It's characters are said to live and breathe the atmosphere of Virginia's lowlands, canyons and hills, and each has some plausible bearing on the unravelling of an exceptionally original and interesting plot. A vein of delightful comedy runs through the piece.

The favorites, Klark-Urban, will open their engagement with a matinee Christmas day, when they will present The Stolen Wife; all the favorites who were here in September, and several new specialty people.

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