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THE NEW U. S. TARIFF

Bradstreet's gives this interesting information regarding the working out of the revised United States tariff, as it may effect Canada and some other countries:—

"The members of the new tariff board have already held a couple of meetings at which plans for the work of the new body have been considered, but the board is not yet in full working order owing to the fact that Mr. Reynolds has not yet severed his connection with the Treasury Department and Mr. Sanders has not yet come to Washington. The chairman of the board, Professor Emery, of Yale, has, however, reached the capital, and permanent quarters have been practically established there. It is understood that the board will devote its attention first to the international phases of the tariff, and will give special consideration to the relations of the United States with France, Canada and Germany as affected by the new tariff legislation. One of the members or a representative will, it is thought, soon pay a visit to Canada to ascertain at first hand the attitude of the Dominion government. It is thought that by the end of March next, at which time the maximum duties are to be imposed under the tariff law, the board will be in a position to advise the president as to what countries are entitled to the minimum rates."

NATURAL RULERS

A group of the gentlemen who are described by Mr. Borden (if he is correctly reported in the Standard) as the natural rulers of the people met in Toronto one night last week. They were the Ward 1 Conservatives, an association of "natural rulers" in that city. Naturally, one is interested in what these rulers did that evening. The World informs us. It says:—

"They decided to have the nominations for officers of the association a week ahead of the elections to avoid vote stuffing. President Maxwell remarked that in the last election dozens of ballots had been marked by one person, but that the fact hadn't 'got outside the walls, as was the case with the sixth ward association.'"

There is a note of encouragement in the words of President Maxwell. An open confession is a good beginning. And yet it would not be the part of wisdom to assume off-hand that there would be no more vote-stuffing, or what the World in its report describes as "machine methods,"—whatever that may mean among natural rulers. We all remember the effort made among the natural rulers in St. John to remove a "serpent," and the complete failure of the attempt.

It is nevertheless possible that some good will result from the heart-searching in Ward 1. It is not stated that Mr. Foster was present, but he will doubtless hear of it, and convey to Mr. Borden the information that the natural rulers in Toronto are likely to have a busy winter.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

A statement made by Dr. Bridges at the meeting of the board of school trustees last evening should arouse the citizens to action. He stated that several firms are employing girls and boys under fourteen years of gae.

One can conceive of circumstances under which a child under fourteen might be forced to become the bread-winner of the family, but such conditions should not exist in the city of St. John. If they do, there is something wrong with our social system, and there is the greater need for action. The law says that children shall get a fair start in the matter of education. This law is merely public sentiment crystallized. The law should be enforced. If it be found that there are children whose earnings are needed at home, the fact opens up another question, and society in its own defence should remove the conditions of which an innocent child is the victim.

There is far too great a tendency to assume that the law will enforce itself. In this matter of the employment of children, if employers would insist upon a certificate of age, it would greatly simplify the task of the truant officer and factory inspector. The people generally should interest themselves in this matter. If parents would give a little serious thought to the question of what their feelings would be if their own children were the ones to be denied a fair start in life, their sympathy would be quick to find expression in an effective way.

The American contestant did not win the great balloon race. He was disqualified. This is sad news for the American people.

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Since it is the law that the weight is to be stamped on loaves of bread, the law should be observed.

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If the affairs of the Intercolonial railway are not conducted in a faultless manner it will not be because of any lack of expert newspaper advice.

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Despite some disappointment in regard to attendance, the Fredericton exhibition appears to have left a small surplus. The directors have done well.

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"One thing is certain," says an Ottawa despatch, "and that is that a shipbuilding plant will be established and ships will be built somewhere in Canada." St. John would be an excellent location.

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The question of a retiring allowance to School Secretary Manning, after so many years of service, should receive very sympathetic consideration by the school board, which will take it up at a special meeting to be called for the purpose.

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Less than two years after the panic of October, 1907, the blast furnaces of the United States are producing pig iron at a record rate. That fact, says Bradstreet's, indicates recuperation plus strength.

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With 350,000,000 bushels of wheat, oats and barley of high quality selling at the highest prices for the last quarter of a century, western Canada enjoys prosperity. The effect will be felt throughout the whole country.

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It is stated in the Montreal Star that the English and West Indian members of the West Indian commission will sail this week for England, and that they and the Canadian commissioners will meet in the West Indies early in the new year. The first mentioned commissioners have been gathering information in Montreal for some days.

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The Rev. J. Hunter Boyd, who will deliver a series of lectures in the province under the auspices of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, is thoroughly familiar with the subject, as will be remembered by all who heard him at a public meeting in the Opera House some months ago. He should find hearty co-operation and crowded houses everywhere. The white plague must be stamped out.

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The Ottawa Citizen, in a reflective mood, makes these pertinent observations:—"Humanity recognizes the degree to which paint and piety may cover a multitude of sins and imperfections and insists upon making a closer examination than that afforded by the superficial surface. If a man would be considered pious and have the respect of his fellowmen, let him show his piety by the good he does, the helpfulness he offers, the gift he makes to the cause of the common welfare."

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The death of Mr. Charles S. Wilcox, leader of the provincial opposition in Nova Scotia, is a very severe loss to his party, but it is more than that. Mr. Wilcox was prominent in temperance and religious work, and held a high place in public esteem. His death is a loss to the province. The sister province has lately lost three leading citizens. First there was Mr. E. N. Rhodes, then Hon. Mr. Pipes, and now Mr. Wilcox. Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. Tanner, the federal leader and the former provincial leader of the Conservatives of Nova Scotia, both pay a very warm tribute to the worth of Mr. Wilcox, and bear testimony to his high character. Like tributes will be paid by his associates in temperance and educational work, and the Layman's Missionary Movement, while in the town of Windsor his death is the cause of universal sorrow.

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The United States circuit court of appeals has declared that Charles W. Morse must serve his term with hard labor for having violated the banking laws of the country. While awaiting the decision of the court he has been laboring to retrieve his fortunes, and has been re-elcted president of two steamship companies. It is obvious that his business associates have confidence in Mr. Morse, though whether this is a confidence in his integrity or in his skill as a manipulator and money maker for himself and others may perhaps be left an open question. The law says that Mr. Morse is a criminal, and that he must pay the penalty. It is a good law that does not discriminate between the millionaire and the ordinary criminal. Nevertheless there is a great deal of sympathy for Mr. Morse, and further efforts will doubtless be made for his release.

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(By Benjamin F. Leggett.)

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And the maples crimson dyed,
While the blushing of the beeches
Set aglow the mountain-side.

Now the goldenrods have faded
To a tint of sober ray,
Where their royal banners flaunted
By the dusty travelled way.

Open chestnut-burs are falling
On the grasses growing sere,
And the hollow winds are calling
Through the chambers of the year.

In the lowlands smoke of asters,
Hilside pastures brown and bare,
Ghostly thistle-down a-drifting
Through the hazy noonday air.

So the woodlands drop their glory—
Royal vesture, robe and crown;
And the red leaves lisp a story
In the still air falling down.
—Christian Endeavor World.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A REASON.

The enmity I bear to Jones
I know will not abate
Because he says in cheerful tones:
"My furnace works first rate."

DEFINED.

Little Willie—'Say, pa, what is foresight?'' Pa—'Foresight, my son, is the faculty of being around when there is a melon to be cut.''

FEMININE OBSERVATION.

Him—''Do you know what her age is?'' Her—''Well, she says it is 26—so it must be the age of deception.''

STRING TO THE KITE.

He—''Will you marry me''
She—''Yes, I'll marry you tomorrow.''
He—''This is—er—rather sudden.''
She—''Oh, not necessarily. To-morrow never comes, you know.''

EDUCATED UP TO IT.

Gunner—'By jinks, I'd like to join one of those north-pole expeditions and take the trip up to the land of purple snow.''
Guyer—''What!'' And live all the winter in a packing box?''
Gunner—''Sure! I wouldn't mind that; I'm a flat-dweller.''

STUBBS AND WASHINGTON.

Ed. Martindale tells this story as one of the incidents of Gov. Stubbs' visit at Washington. Stubbs met a Kentucky colonel who had on a pretty big load of the juice that invigorates and later inebriates. The colonel started out by saying:

''Governor, we, the people of Kentucky, sah, have heard of you, sah. I am glad to meet you, sah. My people, sah, think you a greater man than Washington.''

''You flatter me overmuch. George Washington was a very great man.''

''George Washington exclaimed the colonel. ''Thunder, no! No, sah; I meant Booker T. Washington!''—Kansas City Journal.

OPPORTUNITY.

There's a chance fur every feller as the years keep rollin' by;
Though we've harnessed up the lightnin' an' the airship sweeps the sky,
Though cities rise where once the land was all a wilderness,
There is still a call fur fellers who kin hustle more or less.

There are countries undiscovered; there are pathways to be made;
There are heathen still in waitin' fur enlightenment an' trade.
We are doin things much beter, but we're far short of the best,
There's a chance fur every feller who is ready fur the test.
—Washington Star.

RURAL RUTHERS.

Yes, sir, that's me,
I'd ruther go
An' fish all day
Than see a show.
I'd ruther hear
My line go 'spat''
Than wear a crown
Fur my ol' hat.

I'd ruther eat
Fish ev'ry day,
Than pizened food
The foreign way.
I'd ruther hev
A jick'rel sweet,
And not a bomb
Fall at my feet.

I'd ruther hold
My rod an' reel
Than turn an' twist
An auto wheel.
I'd ruther fish
All day, by gum,
Than rule a throne—
That's fishin' some.
—Boston Herald.

MUTILATED BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN A SUIT CASE

Rhode Island Has Murder Mystery Rivalling the Susan Geary Case

Tiverton, R. I., Oct. 11.—The finding of the severed legs of a woman in a suitcase among some bushes in an outlying section of this town this afternoon brought to light what the authorities are convinced is a case of murder. The possible similarity of the crime to that of the famous Susan Geary case in Boston, at once suggested itself to the officials investigating but at a late hour tonight they had made little progress toward unravelling the mystery.

The discovery of a New Bedford newspaper of yesterday's date with the portions of the limbs in the suitcase is regarded as the most important clue thus far obtained, indicating possibly the place of the murder. The authorities tonight were of the opinion that the woman was murdered in New Bedford, that the legs were placed in the suitcase there and brought by team or automobile to Tiverton last night.

According to the medical examiner, Dr. John Stimson of Tiverton, the supposed murder was committed not more than 12 or 15 hours before the suitcase with its ghastly contents was discovered. That a murder was committed and that the cutting was not done by the experienced hands of a surgeon or medical student is the belief of the medical examiner, who says that apparently a common handsaw was used to sever the legs from the trunk.

The locality was apparently well suited for concealing the evidence of a crime and according to people living in the neighborhood, the body might have lain there for days undiscovered, had not a rural letter-carrier, George Potter, chanced to go to the spot this afternoon. Potter was making his rounds, passing along the road when he noticed a little path leading from the highway into the bushes. He turned off momentarily to go a short distance up this path, and had not gone far from the highway when he came upon the suitcase. Only one half of the case was there, the cover being missing, and it exposed to the letter-carrier's horrified view, three portions of human legs, partly wrapped in a newspaper.

At a meeting of the creditors of Mann & Baxter in Campbellton yesterday, it was shown that the liabilities amount to more than $20,000; assets reported hardly $2,000. An offer of twenty-five cents on the dollar was accepted, and houses under construction will be turned over to the owners at once to complete at their own expense.

Nine-year-old Gordon Worting of London, fell into a boiler of hot water and may not recover.

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Many men, and more women, go through life like a train with the engine tugging, but the breaks hard on. They never get anywhere near top speed, because they are never well.

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ROUND-UP OF SMUGGLERS IN NEW YORK

(Continued from page 1.)

Collector Loeb has had his dragnet out for swindlers ever since he assumed office last spring. The work of his inspectors and detectives, together with that of a large corps of special men from the Treasury Department at Washington, has been so quietly conducted during the last few months that most of those who are now about to be brought up with a sharp turn have been completely in the dark as to what was going on.

Baffled Government for Years

The Grand Jury that was in continuous session all through the hot summer months has been kept busy sifting the evidence of the wholesale frauds against the government. These frauds have been going on for so many years that they have been reduced to a system, so finely organized that the best efforts of the authorities, backed by the full resources of the government, have been baffled in all attempts to uncover them.

The government has at last secured sufficient evidence to break up the system and to punish the swindlers. Some of the indictments, it is expected, will be reported this week. The others will follow as rapidly as the necessary formalities of the law can be complied with.

Along with the milliners indicted there will be a big lot of steamboat baggagemen, minor officials of the collector's office and men who work around the docks of the German steamship companies.

Weighing Officials Included

A score or more of men connected with the weighing division of Surveyor Clarkson's offices will be indicted for accepting bribes that vary in amount from $20 to $500 each. These officials will be accused of participating in the underweighing frauds committed both by the sugar people and the Italian and Greek importers of cheese, figs and dates.

William Wickham Smith, a customs expert, has charge of the latter class of indictments. He was employed for this purpose several months ago as a special Attorney-General of the United States. Messrs. Stimson and Dennison, who from the first have had charge of the sugar frauds, will continue in the prosecution of those cases. District Attorney Wise and Assistant District Attorney Dorr have direct charge of the cases against the milliners.

The Sleeper Trunk

The "Sleeper Trunk" fraud cannot be successfully worked without the aid of confederates, both on the steamships and on the docks. Trunks containing valuable silks and other dress goods are shipped from Europe addressed to fictitious persons. In one case exposed not long ago, some of the "sleepers" came addressed to Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, only daughter of Ulysses S. Grant. Only after she had repudiated their ownership was the true nature of the scheme discovered.

The cheese and figs frauds, as they are known in the parlance of the customs house, have been going on for years, and the government through them has lost untold millions of revenue. Underweighing with the connivance of official assistant weighers at the docks has made these gigantic swindles possible. The amounts out of which the government has been cheated have been divided by the importers with the officials on the docks. Some bribes that have been proved, have amounted to $500.

Guilty Officials Confess

The thumb-screws have been put to several of the guilty weighers by inspectors and detectives engaged in ferreting out the frauds, and they have confessed and told the whole story, upon condition, it is understood, that they will not be prosecuted. It is said that about forty of the heaviest importers of figs, cheese and similar products from Mediterranean ports will be indicted.

New evidence adduced in the sugar frauds involves men "high up" both in the employ of the sugar refining companies and the government, so it is asserted by officials who have been directly connected with the quiet work of uncovering these wholesale swindles.

Earnest efforts have been made with good effect to ascertain from the government employes who have taken bribes alike from the sugar importers, the millliners and the Italian and Greek importers, just where the money came from. It is stated that at last the trail of the bribers has been followed to the fountain source. Men connected with the guilty firms who are in positions to know of these bribes, will be indicted and vigorously prosecuted.

All of these revenue cases against the sugar companies are quite apart from the indictments against the American Sugar Refining Company, known as the Sugar Trust, and eight of its officers and directors that were returned last June.

These indictments were made under the criminal clause of the Sherman Anti-Trust law, and are being directly prosecuted by District Attorney Wise and Assistant Crim. They have no relation to the indictments already found and others that soon will be returned for revenue frauds.

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Methodist Mission Board

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The committee on estimates are planning for an additional expenditure of $50,000 in the home and foreign mission departments. It was suggested that the General conference consider the entire question of co-operating with other evangelical churches in the home mission field.

STRANGE DOINGS AT MUNSEY'S

Some years ago Frank A. Munsey, the magazine man, hired a private secretary. Speaker Reed dropped in to call on Mr. Munsey, who was an old frend of his. The secretary said that Mr. Munsey was engaged.

"All right," said Reed. "I'll wait," At the end of half an hour Munsey's door opened and the publisher appeared showing his caller out.

Seeing the speaker he grasped his hand and dragged him into his office. An hour later, when Reed had gone, Mr. Munsey called his secretary.

"Look, here, Block," he said; "what do you mean by letting Speaker Reed wait unannounced half an hour?"

"Wa-wa-wath that Mr. Reed?"

"It certainly was."

"Why, I thought it wath the Rev. Dr. John Hall," said the secretary.

"Dr. Hall has been dead two years," answered Munsey, severely.

"I know it," replied the secretary, "thath why I thought it wath tho very peculiar."

The county of Lotbiniere, Quebec, will not be contested by the Conservatives and Mr. Fortier, ex-M. P., will be elected by acclamation.

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