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WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY.
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: Maximum, 36. Minimum 26.
Rainfall, 1.63 inches. Snow, 1.50 inches.

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Kitchener to Command New Army—Turks Defeated

Turks Attempt to Cross Canal

British Capture Bridge Material

Cairo, via London, Feb. 4.—Official communication: "During Tuesday night Turkish troops made an attempt to cross the Suez Canal near Toussoum, 30 miles north of Suez. They were permitted to bring the bridging material to the bank of the canal unmolested, but directly they commenced to construct the bridge, they were vigorously attacked by the British and fled in disorder, leaving all the bridging material behind them. Several of the enemy were drowned. The enemy also delivered an attack on the Elkantara front, 40 miles south of Port Said, at daylight yesterday. They were easily repulsed, losing sixteen killed and wounded and forty prisoners. The British casualties were three men wounded.

British forces were also engaged in a skirmish with the Turks yesterday in the neighborhood of Ismaalia on Lake Temiah on the Suez Canal, the Turks being put to flight. Here the British troops had six men wounded. This engagement was fought during a sand storm which made difficult accurate shooting.

Greece to Aid Serbia

Paris, Feb. 4.—A despatch to the Balkan agency from Athens says: "Greece with all her forces will come to the aid of Serbia in every fresh invasion of Serbia by the Austro-German armies. The greatest activity prevails now in military quarters."

London, Feb. 4.—A wireless despatch from Berlin says that the Berlinger Tageblatt reports a message from Constantinople stating that Greece is industriously pushing forward preparations for the mobilization of her troops and fortifying her frontier.

Had to Call Troops

Rome, Feb. 4.—Troops with fixed bayonets had to be called out to re-establish order at a meeting which had been organized by senators, members of the Chamber of Deputies and other prominent persons with the purpose of forwarding a movement in favor of Italy maintaining neutrality in the war. A large number of persons, mostly Republicans, who are against the maintenance of neutrality, gathered at the entrance to the hall and attacked the neutralists.

German Cruiser Sunk

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 4.—The leading newspapers publish the official announcement that a German auxilliary cruiser, formerly of the Woermann Line, was sunk on January 7 off the coast of Patagonia by the British cruiser Australia. The crew was taken to the Auckland Islands.

Three Coasters Sunk

London, Feb. 4—The toll taken by the German submarine U-21 in its raid in the Irish Sea in the vicinity of Liverpool stands at three ships—the steamers Ben Cruachen, Linda Blanche and the Kilcoan, the latter a small vessel. The crew of the Kilcoan was landed on the Isle of Man by a coastwise steamer.

War May Bring Newfoundland Into Canada

St. John, N. B., Feb. 4.—In an adress before the Canadian Club luncheon in St. John, N. W. Rowell, K. C., leader of the Ontario opposition, suggested that one of the results of the strengthening of the Imperial sentiment through the war, might be the union of Newfoundland with Canada.

He said: "I venture the hope that after the war, Newfoundland, the only British colony outside of Confederation, will see more clearly than ever the advantages of union with Canada, and, that if they do approach the Dominion with this in view, that our parliamentary leaders will have the wisdom and patriotism to offer the ancient colony generous terms."

Mr. Rowell also expressed the hope that nothing would be permitted to interfere with the meeting of the Imperial Conference this summer.

Extend Track on P. G. E.

Vancouver, Feb. 4.—Steel is being rapidly extended northwards on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. The track has now been laid to within fifteen miles this side of Lillooet and will likely reach that point by February 15. It is stated that the operating department were making arrangements for running a mixed freight and passenger service daily to Lillooet as soon as the tracks have been completed. Trains are now being operated to the West End of Anderson Lake, 87 miles from Squamish. Lillooet is 120 miles from the Howe Sound terminal and approximately one-quarter of the distance to Fort George.

German Batteries Silenced and Aviators Captured

Enemy's Trenches Destroyed by Artillery

Paris, Feb. 4. There is nothing of particular importance to report except that in Champagne district three German attacks, to the west of Perthes, north of Mesnil-les-Hurlus, and north of Massiges, were all repulsed. In the Argonne region a fresh attack on Bagatelle was repulsed by our troops during nights of February 2 and 3.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Official.—Several artillery engagements have occurred in Belgium and to the north of Arras, west of the road between Lille and Arras. Allied forces have captured from two to three hundred metres of the enemy's trenches north of Albert. By the very effective fire of our artillery in the valley of the Aisne several German batteries were silenced, whole trenches were destroyed, the men engaged in construction work were dispersed and the enemy's aeroplanes put to flight. In front of Verdun a German aeroplane was brought to earth and two aviators taken prisoners. Heavy snow falls are reported in the Vosges. There has been steady trench fighting with hand grenades near Altkirke. There is nothing to report from other positions of our front.

Enemy Evacuate Tarnow

Amsterdam, Feb. 5.—The Austro-Hungarian war press bureau issues the following: "Artillery and infantry fighting continues along the Nida river. We have evacuated Tarnow, Galicia, following a bombardment with heavy mortars by the Russians. A decisive battle is being fought in the region of Dukla, where the Russians are pressing strongly. Deep snow greatly interferes with the operations in the Carpathians.

An official despatch from Vienna dated January 30 says: "The attempt by the Russian Galician army to outflank Archduke Ferdinand's army near Nowa Sayre and to take up the attack on Cracow, has lead to a counter offensive movement against Tarnow by the Archduke."

Tarnow is a town of 40,000 inhabitants and lies 135 miles west of Lemberg.

British Loss Light at Suez

London, Feb. 5.—The Turkish forces engaged in the attack on the Suez Canal, numbering twelve thousand, were repulsed with heavy losses. The British troopship Hardinge was struck by two shells which wounded two men. The British casualties total fifteen killed and ninety-two wounded for the whole engagement.

Kitchener to Command

New York, Feb. 5.—British military officers say that Lord Kitchener will go to the front in command of the British infantry when the general advance by "Kitchener's army" is commenced. General French, it is said, will command the cavalry.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The S. S. Chelohsin arrived in port on Wedneday noon bringing a number of passengers among whom were Messrs. Karl Brink, Wm. Hill and B. W. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming is one of the best known travellers on the coast, being formerly in the service of the Union Steamship Co. as purser on several of their steamers plying in northern waters, and latterly representing the Mooney Biscuit and Candy Co. Ltd. The Leeson Dickie Gross Co. have had no traveller in this section before and it shows the progressiveness of this firm to go after the trade now.

The outgoing passengers included road-superintendent R. O. Jennings; Mr. Gower, inspector of schools; A. H. Tomlinson, provincial horticulturist; and Mr. Ramsay, provincial live stock expert, all of whom had spent a week in town in connection with the business of their respective departments.

Mr. Roy Mosley of Hazelton, also left by Wednesday's steamer after looking over the valley with a view to making an investment.

Many of our readers will learn with regret that Rev. Hans Sageng, pastor of the Augsborg Lutheran Church at Hagensborg, has tendered his resignation and intends to leave the valley about May 1st.

Rev. Sageng, during his incumbency which extends over a number of years, has won the esteem of the whole community by whom his departure will be keenly felt as a serious loss to the district.

A commodious boat-house for the accommodation of the Indian department cruiser Charles Todd is to be constructed towards the mouth of the Paisley River. Hitherto the lack of proper accommodation has caused considerable inconvenience to those in charge of the boat who were compelled to keep constant watch to prevent damage in bad weather. The work of constructing the boat-house has been placed in the capable hands of Capt. Thorsen.

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Bella Coola, B. C.

The sporting enthusiasts of the valley who attended at the Colony Hall last Monday evening were treated to one of the best and most exciting basketball games yet witnessed hereabouts. The team from Bella Coola showed greatly improved form, their greater speed and better combination proving too much for their opponents from Hagensborg, whom they succeeded in beating by a comfortable margin of points.

James Hoage for the winners proved a prolific scorer, while points were also gained by V. Clayton and Ed. Grant. For the losers John Nygaard and R. Saugstad did yeoman service, each player scoring cleverly on several occasions.

The teams lined up as follows: Bella Coola; forwards—J. Hoage and Ed. Grant. Guards—Vincent Clayton, D. Clayton, and T. Levelton.

Hagensborg; forwards—John Nygaard and R. Saugstad. Guards—P. Oveson, H. Kasperson, and O. Gorden.

At the conclusion of the basket ball game several classy exhibitions of the manly art were given by members of the club and visiting athletes. The bout between Messrs. Ramsay and Hagan, both husky heavyweights, brought forth unstinted applause from the audience, both boxers showing considerable speed combined with clean and clever work right through.

The Bella Coola Athletic Association is a live wire in the valley. The members are fast attaining a high standard of efficiency in their respective special line of sport, and are providing lots of wholesome amusement for the sporting enthusiasts of the district.

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Ice Hockey.

The Hagensborg ice-hockey team succeeded in turning the tables on their old rivals from Bella Coola in the third meeting of the season. The game was pulled off on the rink adjacent to Aytoun Ranch, where the ice was in admirable condition. Both teams were well represented and set a scorching pace from the start. Both goals had narrow escapes in the first few minutes. Stoessiger for Bella Coola being particularly prominent. The feature of the game was the splendid defensive by both teams and the final score of one to nil in favor of Hagenborg, well represented the general trend of the play.

A large crowd turned out to witness the game and afterwards to enjoy themselves on the ice.

On both previous meetings of these teams the victory has fallen to Bella Coola, but on this occasion it was shown that without more practice and better combination they cannot hope to retain the championship of the valley.

Church Notice

Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.
Church Service - 7:30 p. m.

All Are Welcome.

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Shushartie Bay

(FROM OUR RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT)

The settlers of Cache Creek and district are mourning the death of Mr. Lorn Christenson who passed away after a prolonged illness. The internment took place on 27th January.

Bert Hall, the well known farmer of Cache Creek, is spending a few days at Shushartie.

Messrs. Hewitt & Co. have made a rich strike at their gold diggings at Cape Commerall. Twelve dollars to the yard is the average at the present workings. It is expected that a large number of men will be employed here is the near future.

The fishing schooner Adia was completely wrecked recently near Fisherman's Bay, and another smaller boat was badly damaged. The Adia is a complete loss except for her engine which was salvaged.

The government steamer Quadra has set a beacon on Dillon Rock. This will prove a great boon to navigators and is the cause of much expressed satisfaction.

Mr. J. J. Skinner has returned from a two months' trip to the east, and expresses his high appreciation of the beautiful mild weather after the rigorous climate which he experienced while away.

Mr. W. R. Lord, the well known cannery man, is suffering from a damaged hand, which has compelled him to take up his temporary abode at the hospital.

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Roads, Etc.

A contemporary writes: "One of the best roads and one of the prettiest drives in the northern interior is through the woods from New Hazelton and across the high level bridge. It might also be stated that, except for the work New Hazelton people have put upon this road, there has not been a dollar spent on it. It is now used entirely, the old road being practically impassable on account of ice on the hills."

Just so the road in Bella Coola today is that which the early settlers laid out and built for themselves. What the Provincial government has spent on it has resulted, in more than one instance, in failure. We have a piece of government built road that is often impassable on account of ice on the hills. We have a government built bridge that cannot be used when the said piece of road is impassable. For years the traffic through the valley used a temporary bridge built and maintained by the settlers themselves. We have a jail built down in the bottom of a slough which floods at high water, necessitating, on at least one occasion, a general jail delivery.

These are only some of the things we have. "Government standard" bridges have been constructed only to be washed away in the course of a few months. Our wharf, which was no good to begin with, has been tinkered up year after year to prevent it falling into the sea, which indeed a portion of it did. All this work is up to "government standard," which means, expensive to the point of extravagance but of a nature that will not be lasting. By this means work is provided for the faithful and the taxpayers money is wasted. These things will continue until there is a change of government, and the public works is taken out of the hands of incompetent partisan officials and placed out on contract with responsible parties. Then and then only will we get roads that commence somewhere and go somewhere, and not before.

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A Trade Commissioner.

A joint deputation from the Victoria and Vancouver boards of trade recently waited on the provincial government for the purpose of presenting a memorial in respect to the sending of a trade commissioner to South America and the West Indies to exploit lumber, fish, preserved fruit, and other things which the province has to sell. One member says the delegation is impressed with the value such a commission would be to the province. This, however, depends greatly upon the man chosen as commissioner. We have had some experience with commissions costing thousands of dollars, which money might just as well have been thrown into the sea for all the good it brought to the public. We had a labor commission which did nothing for the laboring classes. One of the members of the commission was formerly a Liberal member of the provincial legislature, who betrayed his party and when called upon by his erstwhile supporters to resign his seat took refuge in the government ranks. Then we had a coal commissioner who accomplished nothing except the drawing of $35.00 per day. There were others too, but we are not concerned with them just now.

The people of British Columbia are justly suspicious of commissions. They are too often composed of men not chosen for their qualifications, but rather because they have demanded a reward for their political service. As regard a trade commissioner, it is safe to say that should the government appoint a man they will choose some Conservative heeler whose work will be directed towards assuaging the thirst of others of that ilk. This has been the rule. We have no department of trade to which he would be responsible. He would be practically a free lance. Then what is he going to arrange for us to sell? Not agricultural products because we import much more than we raise. China furnishes us with millions of eggs. Of our mutton ninety per cent. is imported from abroad and the remaining ten per cent. comes from the prairie provinces. We have some fish, but surely the salmon-canner can sell his own pack. Why, we ask, should the taxpayer pay for this?

Let the government bring down some legislation that will stimulate production in the province. There is the report of the agricultural commission, let us have some legislation based on it. Let the government see to it that settlement of provincial lands by a proper class of agriculturists is encouraged and not made impossible as at present. Then in a few years we shall have something to sell; that will be time enough to talk about a trade commissioner.

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The Increased Production Movement.

A contemporary publishes a despatch from Ottawa which states that "The Immigration Department is taking steps to secure the cultivation of possible lands in the West. Lists of holdings of lands by absentee owners are being secured, and when obtained the owners will be communicated with and urged to join in the increased production movement."

The cry throughout the whole Empire is for increased production.

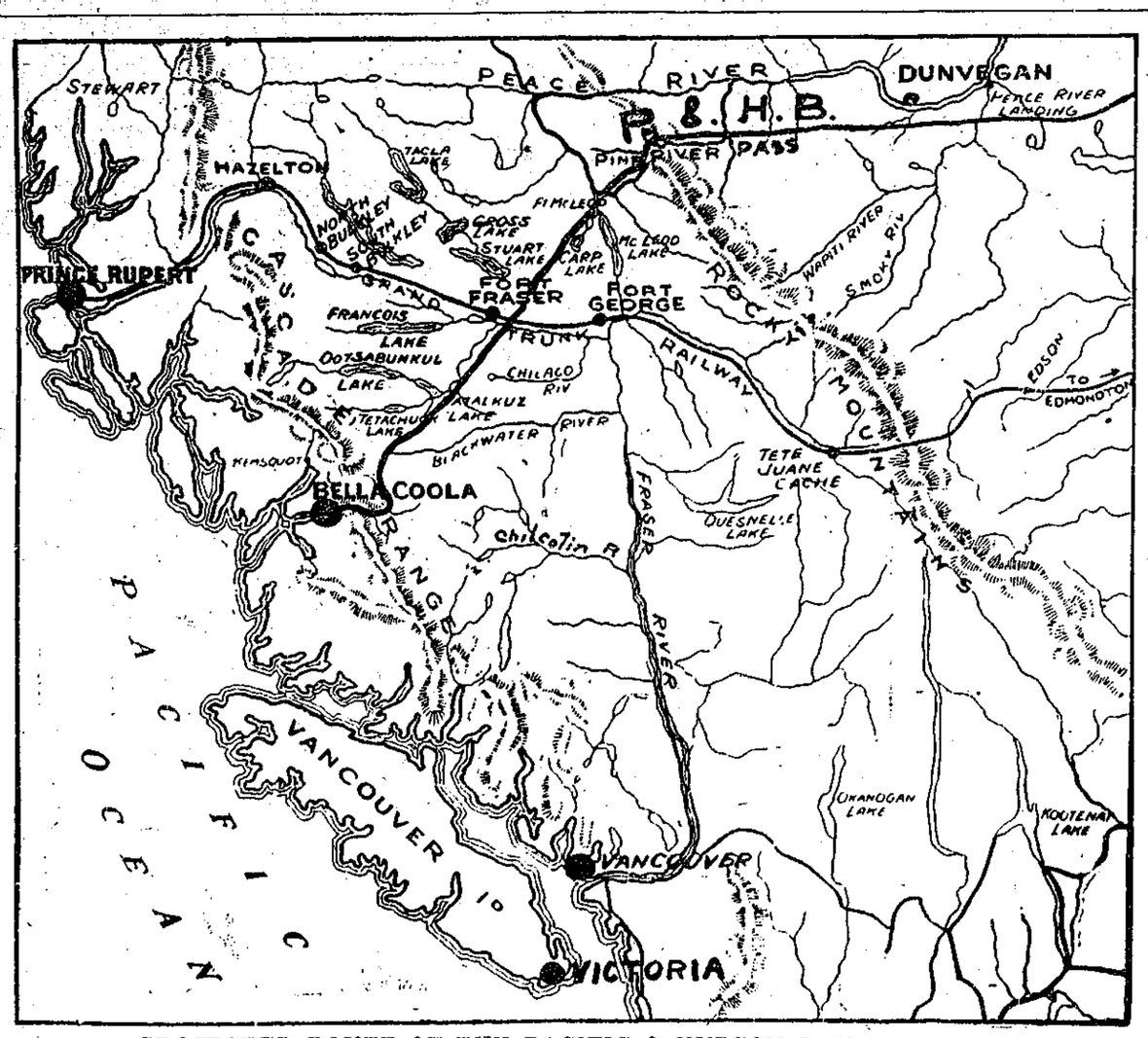
To the Laurier government must be given the credit for the populating of the prairies, which has resulted in the present tremendous wheat crop on which largely depends our national prosperity.

The Borden government is exerting special efforts towards increasing the production of foodstuffs, which at this time is almost, if not quite, as important as furnishing men and munitions of war to Great Britain.

What is our government in British Columbia doing in this matter? All our best and most accessable agricultural land has been illegally sold to speculators who, while not having paid for it according to the terms laid down in the Land Act, are holding it at prohibitive prices. There are considerably less people in our province today than three years ago. Premier McBride has endeavored to show that there has been an increase in the products of agriculture, but on examination his figures are shown to be false and merely intended to deceive. He has announced that nothing will be done this year towards encouraging farming by granting cash loans on easy terms to actual settlers to assist them in the expensive task of clearing and irrigating the land. He has calmly stated his intention of doing nothing until times improve. He has proven himself to be an opportunist and is faithfully carrying out the role.

The people of the province have been agitating for years for a sane land settlement policy. Boards of Trade and other non-political bodies have urged it. The Liberal party have striven for it, and pledged themselves to it. Eventually Sir Richard began to feel the force of the public demand and a commission was sent to the four corners of the earth to enquire the reason why settlers would not occupy land in British Columbia that was being held by speculators at many times its value. They found out the reason and have made their report. In the meantime things have gone from bad to worse. If there was need for increased production of foodstuffs before, that need is certainly accelerated since our Empire is at war. Yet Sir Richard adopts an attitude of "watchful waiting" and talks about how he is determined to face the situation with "dignified calm." Yet he prides himself in his Imperialism. He has brought his province to the verge of bankruptcy. Sold the people's heritage and squandered the money, until he now has to even abandon some of his own pet projects. He drained the North for the benefit of the South until the latter swelled up and burst. Under his government the credit of the province is ruined, as is readily seen by a perusal of the leading English financial journals. The administration of justice has been declared by a judge of the supreme court to be "tainted at the fountain head."

Has Sir Richard any respect for his government or for the people of British Columbia that he can allow the present state of affairs to continue? Or is he himself powerless to control the course of events? Meanwhile, the cry comes to us from across the sea "more foodstuffs." Everywhere



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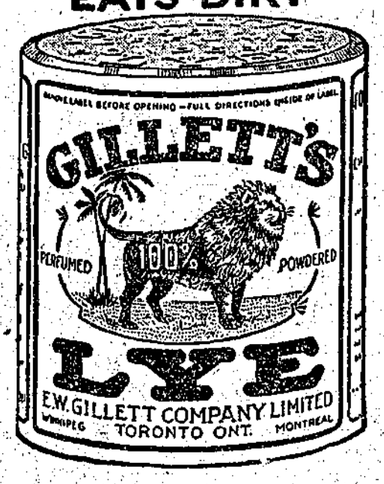

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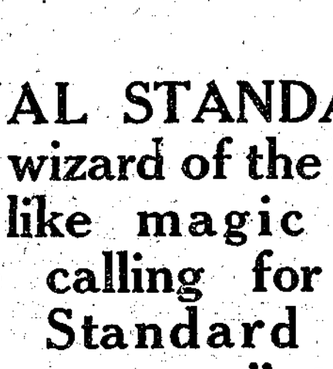

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A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Vancouver. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, within 30 days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this notice is January 2nd, 1915.

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By IVER FOUGNER, Agent.

Queen Victoria and Belgian Neutrality.

The following passage from a letter addressed by Queen Victoria to the king of the Belgians has not yet been quoted at present. The letter is dated Buckingham Palace, February 12, 1856. Queen Victoria writes:

"With respect to your answer respecting your neutrality, and the possibility of your being obliged to break it, I must repeat that I see no possibility or eventuality that could oblige you to do so. Belgium, of its own accord, bound itself to remain neutral, and its very existence is based upon that neutrality, which the other powers have guaranteed and are bound to maintain if Belgium keeps her engagements. I cannot at all see how you could even entertain the question, for, as I just said, the basis of the existence of Belgium is her neutrality."—British Weekly.

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Protection and Politics.

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There is a proverb which runs—there is no sorrow when there is bread in the house. Applied to a nation this summary of truth means, there is no political unrest in a country that is prosperous. But given a series of lean years, no matter the cause, there is bound to be an examination of the principles upon which our economic situation is founded. This has been our experience in the past. The abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States in 1866 wrought much hardship to this country. For a number of years before the denunciation of the treaty by the United States, the traffic between the two countries had an average yearly value of 75 million dollars. For a corresponding period after the abrogation of the treaty, the value of the trade fell to 57 million dollars per annum. The aggregate of Canada's foreign trade for the last year in which the treaty was in full force amounted to $160,409,455. The year following it declined to $139,202,615. The loss fell with grievous force upon the agricultural class, which had then no markets but the United States; and there are men yet living who can recall the poverty of those years. The direct result of these "hard times" was the complete overthrow of the Liberal Government and the return of the Conservatives, who proclaimed that they were in possession of a sovereign remedy—protection. The common argument in favor of protection is that it develops natural resources, stimulates trade, encourages the investment of capital in new enterprises, and increases the rate of wages, even if it does somewhat increase the cost of production: that it encourages the free spending of money and prevents the hoarding of capital. From Australia a few years ago came the following reading of the formula: "To promote regular employment, to furnish security for the investing of capital in new as well as existing industries, to render stable the conditions of labor, and to prevent the standard of living from being depressed to the level of foreign countries."

If all these allegations be true, it means that the natural causes which lead to disaster are accelerated in their operation under a system of protective duties. A more useful argument in favor of Protection would be that it retards manufacturing and trade; and there is a considerable bulk of evidence in favor of this view of the case. Those who favor the system should develop this new line of argument against the day when every device will be required for its defence. Yet it will probably occur to their opponents that a less elaborate system than Protection could be devised for the purpose of doing nothing. It would, however, be probably the wiser plan to survey the ground in advance of the contest which sooner or later is bound to occur, to determine if a secure footing cannot be discovered. The truth is that Protection is a political device, and has not often been adopted consciously as an economic advantage. At times it is a strong weapon of defence, quite apart from its effect upon industrial development. That argument is unanswerable by its opponents; and if they could be once persuaded of its political necessity, they might endure cheerfully the hardships which it imposes. Once convince the ox of his food value estimated in calories, and he might the more readily assent to the process of being slaughtered. But he must be well convinced.

So definite a statement of fact will bear some amplification and in later articles we will proceed to trace the causes for the existence of Protection in certain countries in which it is accepted as a cardinal principle.

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The Canadian government has asked the law officers of the crown in London to say what action should be taken with private property acquired during recent years by the kaiser in Canada. It is reported that ever since the war began he has been receiving remittances from this property through trustees acting for him in the United States. His investment of immense sums in landed property both in the Dominion and in the Western States began at the time when he first warned the banks of Germany to prepare themselves for financing the German government in case of a European war.

That the kaiser, in making new world investments at the same time that he commenced his preparations for the conquest of western Europe, was providing against the possibility of dethronement, is widely believed. The opinion gains some support from the fact that he has insisted on the appropriation to his own personal uses of a certain percentage of the cash indemnities levied in Belgium and France. One of his sons came to Rheims in a motor car to take away the tribute extracted from that unhappy city.

The English Vocabulary.

There is no accurate or complete estimate available of the number of words in the vocabularies of the various nations. The English language, however, is generally conceded to have the largest number of words. The following figures are taken from reliable dictionaries of the various languages and are fairly complete: English, 450,000 words; German, 300,000; French, 140,000; Italian, 140,000; Spanish 120,000 words.--New York Times.

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