

OUR EXPORTS TO THE DOMINION

NOT AFFECTED BY THE CANADIAN TARIFF. An Interesting Comparison of Figures—Exports from the United States to Canada Have Never Shown More Rapid Gains Than Since the Enactment of the New Canadian Tariff—The Increase Important Articles.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Washington, Dec. 25.—The new Canadian tariff does not appear to have disadvantageously affected exports from the United States to the Dominion. That measure enacted in 1897, provided that goods entering Canada from Great Britain and her colonies should enjoy a tariff rate 25 per cent. less than that collected on goods from other countries, one-half of that reduction going into effect on August 1, 1897, and the remainder on Aug. 1, 1898. The exportation from the United States to Canada has, therefore, since Aug. 1, 1897, been made under whatever of disadvantage the new discriminating rates of that tariff afford. It is interesting to compare the figures of the exports to Canada since that date, both with those of the corresponding months of 1897, in which only one-half of the discriminating rate was in operation, and with those of 1896, in which no discriminating rate existed. The figures of the treasury bureau of statistics, covering the details of the export trade are now available for the months of August, September and October. They show that during those three months of 1898 in which the full 25 per cent. tariff reduction in favor of Great Britain and her colonies was in operation, exports from the United States to Canada were larger than in any corresponding three months in the history of our commerce with that country. In fact the exports from the United States to Canada have never shown more rapid gains than since the enactment of the new Canadian tariff, giving to imports from Great Britain and her colonies advantages over those from the United States.

THE INCREASE. In the first three months of its operation in 1897, in which the full 25 per cent. tariff reduction in favor of Great Britain was but 12 1/2 per cent., exports from the United States to Canada increased nearly \$4,000,000 compared with the corresponding months of 1896, and an average of \$2,500,000 in the corresponding periods of earlier years. In August, September and October, 1898, however, which were under the full operation of the new law, the increase over the corresponding months of 1897 is more than \$5,000,000. The total exports from the United States to Canada in August, September and October of the present year under whatever of disadvantage the new law in its full operation affords, are nearly 50 per cent. in excess of the corresponding months of 1896, and more than double those of the corresponding months of 1894.

The following table shows the exports from the United States to Canada during August, September and October of each year from 1894 to 1898 inclusive:

Table with 3 columns: Year, August, September, October. Rows include Exports to Canada, Agricultural implements, Books, Maps, Cars and tractors, Clocks, Sewing machines, Naval stores, Leather and furs, Cotton, Flour, Wheat, Corn, etc.

IMPORTANT ARTICLES.

The following table shows the exportation of the important articles and classes of articles from the United States to Canada in the months of August, September and October of 1896, 1897 and 1898. Those of the year 1898 were made prior to the enactment of the new Canadian tariff; those of 1897 occurred during that feature of the act which gave to imports from Great Britain and her colonies 12 1/2 per cent. lower tariff rates than on goods from the United States and those of 1896 within the full operations of the act which gave to imports from Great Britain and her colonies 25 per cent. lower rates than those from the United States.

LYNCHING AT INDIANA.

The Prisoner Had Tried to Kill His Wife. Scotsburg, Ind., Dec. 25.—A lynching took place here early yesterday, and the procedure was so prompt that few of the residents knew of the occurrence until this morning. Marion Tyler was the victim. He had been in jail several weeks, the result of an attempt on his part to kill his wife. Shortly after midnight the mob was formed. All were masked. They hurried to the sheriff's home in the jail, called him by name, and covering him and his sons with guns, the leader demanded the keys of the jail. The demand was refused, but the mob became so threatening and determined that the sheriff and his family were frightened into telling where the keys could be found. The mob took them and went to the jail, where they secured their prisoner and hanged him. On November 3 Tyler shot and seriously wounded his wife, and then made an ineffectual attempt at suicide. His trial was to have taken place on January 12. The coroner's inquest will take place on Monday. This is the first hanging in the history of Scott county, either lawful or by lynching. Tyler's parents live at McLeansboro, Ill.

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CARBONDALE. CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Programme That Will Be Carried Out at the Baptist Church. Following is the order of exercises arranged for the herean Baptist church at 6 o'clock this evening: Recitation—"Helen Watsons Responsive Reading, Luke II, 15-20. Chorus—"Hail, Oh Shepherdess... School Recitation—"Little Bunches, Rowena Boyd. Chorus—"Hail and Rejoice" School Recitation—"Lizzie Reddolls Chorus—"Christmas Bells" School Recitation—"Daisy Holgate Primary Song, "Santa Claus Has Come to Town." Recitation—"Lizzie James Chorus—"The King of Kings" School Recitation—"March, Mrs. W. D. Frank Chorus—"Hail the Lord of Glory" School Recitation—"Hail and Rejoice" School Recitation—"Lacy Milligan Recitation—"Glady's Estabrook Chorus—"The Wise Men" Recitation—"May Simon Responsive Reading by Superintendent, Luke II, 13-14. Chorus—"Glorious to God in the Highest" School Recitation—"Maud Clemons Responsive Reading, Luke II, 3-12. Chorus—"Four Not" School Recitation—"The Methodist and Presbyterian programmes were published Friday. Their exercises will also be conducted this evening. Beautiful decorations have been made in all the churches.

CENTURY'S THOUGHTFULNESS. The New Century club has arranged to have a number of homes in this city brightened today by holiday gifts of some variety. The thoughtful ladies will bring cheer to many an expectant little one who might have been completely overlooked by Santa Claus. Mrs. F. H. Hubbard and Dr. Niles will have charge of the distribution.

THEY WENT TO BED. Hundreds of persons who could not get near enough to the window of Berry's furniture store Saturday night to see what was going on inside will have their curiosities gratified by learning that three children and a Santa Claus gave just such a Christmas eve scene as you read about. The little ones went to bed and had their stockings filled.

LARGE CONGREGATIONS. Special music at the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches yesterday drew immense congregations. The programmes were carried out as published, and the numbers upon which special work had been done reflected credit on the choirs. The soloists sang in good voice.

OBSEQUIES. James D. Campbell's funeral was held Saturday morning at St. Rose church. Rev. James Moffit, of Taylor, celebrated a high mass of requiem over the remains. Father Nealon acted as deacon and Father Griffin as sub-deacon. The last named delivered the funeral sermon. The pall-bearers were chosen from the Heptastosis. Interment was made in St. Rose cemetery.

DEATH OF RICHARD COSTELLO. Richard Costello, an old and respected resident of the South Side, died Saturday morning of old age. He had resided in Carbondale many years, and by his exemplary life made many friends who mourn his loss. Requiem mass will be celebrated over the remains in St. Rose church this morning.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL. George S. Kimball is entertaining his nephews, Byron and Joseph Porter, of Philadelphia. Miss Eleanor Franklin, of New York city, is the guest of Mrs. C. R. Munn, of North Main street. Miss Verma Biglow is visiting her parents at Niagara, Pa. Miss Celia Moses has returned from Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, where she made extended visits.

City Engineer Frick and family are spending Christmas in Lewisburg. Mrs. Clarence F. Rose returned Friday from Oswego, N. Y., where she had been visiting relatives. Mrs. W. M. Lathrop, of Paterson, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chase, of North Main street. W. A. Nealon, B. L. Singer, Joseph Hira and F. A. Cley are home from the University of Pennsylvania. Miss Hetty Wilcox is home from the Millersville Normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. David Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wannagott and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eyrone Prek, of this city, are spending Christmas at the Wannagott home in Waymart. There is every evidence that the widely advertised "Passion Play" will be presented at the Grand Opera house today and tomorrow, will draw large audiences. The local papers will suspend publication today. Walter's Stock company closed a week's engagement here Saturday night. Holiday shopping had a bad effect on the business. W. F. Keiper, of Scranton, is endeavoring to form a trades union in this city. A public meeting will be held in the Academy of Music early next month. Married, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Waymart, Dec. 23, by the Rev. G. H. Freuthe, Leland L. Lockwood and Miss May L. Weed, both of Canaan. There was a slight wreck in the Delaware and Hudson yard Saturday night. A number of engine cars were held up in south by engine No. 15 when one car jumped the frog opposite the freight house. It was badly wrecked and as it was loaded with lump coal it blocked the tracks for a long time. The postoffice hours for Monday, Dec. 26, will be from 8 a. m. to 12 noon for general business. Lobby open for lock boxes only from 3.30 to 4.30. No money order or registry business done.

PECKVILLE. The political pot has begun to simmer and candidates are coming up plentifully. Those who have thus far declared their intentions of throwing themselves at the mercy of the caucus are as follows: First ward, James W. Smith, T. U. Spangenberg, Charles Jenkins, council; E. H. Ritter, W. W. Watkins, J. G. Bell, school director; W. J. Broad, judge of election. Second ward, Alfred Haines, Ed-

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mond Thomas, William Taylor, Daniel Barry, council; William Priest, school director. Third ward, N. H. Johnson, O. A. Holford, council; John Williams, Harry Simpson, Charles H. Beatty, Bert Morgan, George B. Newton, school director; James Curtis, constable; Frank Martin, Gilbert Wormouth, Sylvanus Smith, high constable; J. R. Heli, inspector of election. The annual election of officers for Lieutenant James G. Stevens post, No. 304, G. A. R., will take place at their hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. It is urged that every comrade be present. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker visited relatives at Thompson yesterday. Miss Gertrude Thompson, of Dalton, is visiting at the homes of H. L. and L. R. Thompson. Thieves entered the homes of W. E. Stevens and B. K. Bondington last early hour Saturday morning and secured a good haul. At the Stevens residence the thieves gained entrance through a kitchen window. They ransacked the downstairs compartments and left via the same route, taking with them a pair of overcoat and a large quantity of clothing. At the Benjamin residence they forced open the cellar door. At this place they secured a large amount of plunder, which consisted of solid and plated silverware, a gold watch, two overcoats, also a sack coat and fur box, the property of Mr. Benjamin's wife. They also secured \$7 in cash, which was left in a pocketbook on a shelf. The family all slept upstairs and were not aware of the robbery until morning, as was also the case at the Stevens residence. No clue to the thieves have come to light. The cause of the first ward being in darkness Thursday and Friday nights was the crossing of the Crescent Electric Light company's wires with the borough wires. Eighteen shunt boxes were burned out. It is stated that the Crescent company were notified to remedy it.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD. Frank Hembright and wife attended the matinee at Carbondale Saturday afternoon. Frank Stucker spent Christmas with friends in Carbondale. William Bell and family spent Christmas with friends at Avoca. Mrs. J. M. Graves, of Main street, is suffering from a severe attack of grip. E. T. Davis, of Scranton, spent Christmas with his brother, Dr. S. D. Davis. Miss Bessie Freus was at Scranton Saturday. This afternoon on the East Side there will be a sweep stake shooting match. A number of entries have been secured, some of whom are crack shots. William Osborne spent Christmas with friends at Plains. Mrs. John Mellow was shopping in Scranton Saturday. Mr. Maitland and family are spending the holidays with friends in Wilmington, Del. Miss Christine Brumbaugh, of Piper-ville, Pa., is visiting Miss Carolyn Murray. Dr. W. J. Baker, of Carbondale, was in town yesterday. Ralph Rymer returned home Friday from Wesleyan university to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Willman, on South Main street. Misses Gertrude Davies, Eliza Osborne, Mildred Johnson and Carolyn Murray, were in Carbondale last evening.

TAYLOR NEWS. This evening will occur the grand centennial of the Welsh Congregational church to be held in the church auditorium when prizes will be awarded for the best rendition of the following programme: For Double Quartette, "How Shall We Escape," Gospel Hymns 3 and 5. Soprano Solo, "Yu Each I Gynn," (Song of Wales).....Prize, 50. Tenor Solo, "Blas Iogorodion" (Song of Wales).....Prize, 50. For Ladies and Glee, "The Star of Bethlehem".....Prize, 50. For Solo and Chorus, "Gospel Hymns 5 and 6".....Prize, 50. For Men not Under 40 Years of Age, "The Tune".....Prize, 50. For Words (Yn dy Wlad y Mae I).....Prize, 50. Singing, "Little Lights".....Prize, 50. For Glee, "The Children not over 15 Years of Age".....Prize, 50. Impromptu Reading.....Prize, 50. Impromptu Speech.....Prize, 50. All competitors' names to plume to be in the hands of the secretary on or before December 26. John J. Morgan, secretary.

Richard Williams, of Bloomsburg State Normal school, is home spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Williams, of Main street. The funeral of Lloyd Lewis, whose death occurred on Saturday morning, will occur this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be made in the Forest Home cemetery. Mrs. Walter D. Edwards, of Bellevue, was the guest of relatives in this place yesterday. Emblem division, No. 57, Sons of Temperance, will not hold a business meeting this evening but will meet to move evening instead.

Frank Ureider, of Bellevue, was the guest of relatives in this place yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. George Hood, of North Taylor, are visiting relatives in Pittston over Christmas. Malicent James Langate has recovered from his recent illness. John Davis, of Hyde Park, was the guest of friends in this place yesterday. Superintendent John Connolly, of Colon North Carolina, is spending his Christmas vacation with his family in Taylor. Mr. Connolly will return on Thursday. Druggist Alfred Davis, of Forest City, was the guest of his brother Druggist Joseph Davis, of Main street, yesterday. Miss Hattie McKenale left Friday for New York, where she will spend her Christmas with her sister. Mr. and Mrs. William Stone, of South Main street, are spending their Christmas with relatives in Wilkes-Barre. A delegation of our talented people will leave for Hazleton this morning to participate in the centennial in that place. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Davis, of Ladin, are visiting relatives in this place. Miss Edith Foxwell, of Plymouth, is visiting relatives in this place. The account of the funeral of Corporal Lewis Reiss appears in another column. Mr. William N. Evans, of Hyde Park, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. E.

J. Evans, of North Main street, yesterday. Mrs. John Ward, of Providence, was the guest of relatives in this place yesterday. Miss Sadie and Benjamin Carter, of Green Ridge and Priesburg, respectively, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Carter yesterday. Miss Hannah Hughes, of Hyde Park, was the guest of relatives in this place yesterday. Miss Lottie Bray, of Providence, was the guest of relatives in this place yesterday. Miss Maggie Lewis, of Forest City, spent Christmas with relatives in this place.

AVOCA. The death of Mrs. Mary McAlpine occurred on Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Dommermuth, of South Main street. Deceased was 60 years of age and was the wife of Albert McAlpine, one of the pioneers of Avoca. She was a person of beautiful character and proved herself a model mother in looking after the welfare of her family. She is survived by the following children: L. B. and E. M. McAlpine, of Marathon, N. Y.; Charles, of Northumberland; Mrs. Hattie Bell, Mrs. E. E. Dommermuth and Eugene, of this town. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be in Langcliffe cemetery. Miss Nellie Nelson, aged 17 years, died Thursday morning at the family residence in Miller's Grove, after several weeks' illness of typhoid pneumonia. The father and two daughters have been afflicted with the disease and the other sister is too ill to attend the funeral. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon. Interment was made in Langcliffe cemetery. Messrs. A. P. Hollister and F. B. Howard are spending a few days with friends at Painted Post. Mr. and Mrs. James Baker and family are visiting friends in Nantlooke. Postoffice hours today from 9 to 11 a. m. and from 6 to 7 p. m. Mrs. Rose Newlin and daughter, Jennie, are visiting friends in Plains. Misses Matilda Clifford and Mary Brody, of Mansfield Normal school; Annie Alkman, of Bloomsburg, and M. J. Munley, of Villa Nova, are spending their vacation with their parents in town. The remains of Frank Healy, who was struck by a train at St. Louis on Thursday morning, arrived here on Saturday evening. They were accompanied by Rev. William Healy, a brother of the deceased. The funeral will take place this morning.

PITSTON NEWS. Something About How Christmas Will Be Spent Today—A Bunch of Newsy Notes Which the Others Forgot to Record. Merry Christmas. Yesterday was one of the quietest in the history of the city. At 3 o'clock the bell from the parochial school sounded the solemn note that brought forth hundreds of worshippers to St. John's church where the usual services commensurate with the occasion were observed. Later the services were conducted at the several homes of worship and today and this evening an unusual programme of exercises will be observed. In this direction we might mention that the service at St. James church on the East side and conducted by the Rev. Burras was largely attended. The only disturbance on the street and off the avenue, was a fresh bandyman who forgot his common sense and conducted himself in such a manner that if he happened to fall from a trolley he would certainly have received the usual verdict, viz.: \$5.00 or ten days. Yesterday afternoon there was a very well pleased audience at Music hall to listen to the Rev. E. M. Durran, whose text was addressed to the young men of this city. He is a very forcible speaker and his remarks were of that pointed order that certainly must have made a very favorable impression. This evening he will be heard again at the lecture room of the Young Men's Christian association and the same subject, viz.: "The Young Men of Today," will be presented this evening. Joseph Fitzpatrick and John J. Mangano are at home. Their vacation dates for ten days and they are students of St. George's college. Alderman Motzka was in the city yesterday and stated to your reporter that crime and the other concomitants that accompany occasions of the kind were in statu quo. The genial 'squire, of course, is well posted and for this reason we mention this very important item. Several obstreperous young men were gently told to evacuate the reading room of the Young Men's Christian association on Saturday evening. The streets of the East side were in a horrible condition yesterday and the citizens and taxpayers of that side of the Susquehanna will improve this condition of affairs in the early spring. Do Snyder will today serve to his kinship a palatable surprise. The menu will include a Delmonico bill of fare and those who have not received an invitation to consider themselves specially invited. Frank Weillner and family, of Drifton, is the guest of his brother, John, in Escott borough. The Merrymount club, who held their second annual event on Friday evening should congratulate themselves upon the success of their event. Good music and excellent management counts very much for this termination of affairs. John J. Donnelly is recovering from a very severe attack of rheumatism, and his many friends are only too happy to congratulate him on his recovering. George Smith will not be able to wish his friends the compliments of the season, as he has been confined to his room for several weeks, but he wishes them a "Merry Christmas" just the same. Charles Davidson, of the West End, received a carcass of venison on Saturday from one of his friends, now in the forests of Maine. He will allow you to test its quality and quantity today. The members of "My Own" lodge, Knights of Pythias will meet tomorrow evening for the transaction of very important business and an urgent request is made for the membership to be present. The Corcoran Brothers and the Bechtold hotel will offer very pleasant surprises to their guests this afternoon and tonight.

PLANTS IN THE LADRONES. Many Queer Things to Be Found on the Islands. From the Richmond Times. The queer things in the Ladrões include a tree the fruit of which is no

obnoxious to the nostrils that a man cannot "keep his stomach" and smell. But once past the nose it is so delicious he will eat until full to walk. This fruit ripens once a month, and is plentiful. A nut which can be eaten shell and all is another queer product. The shell is brittle, like a cracker, sweet and good. The inside has a kernel which can only be bitten when the fruit is fresh. Another fruit is so rare that it is used as a coin. A very queer mineral product is a stone which changes color in the atmosphere. Cold days it is black; hot days it is a bright red; when rain threatens it is pinkish and in cloudy weather it is blue. This stone lies on the highways, and the pedestrian can forecast his own weather. A great yellow flower which opens and closes to the sun at noon is another novelty. This flower takes only five minutes to open and shut; for one minute it is wide open, showing a white center with golden heart. It opens directly up to the sun and closes tight with drooping head. It varies not one minute in the whole lifetime of the plant. On cloudy days it opens, but its petals point downward, for the stem does not rise as on sunny days. This flower acts as a clock to the natives. The domestic animal of the Ladrões is a small bird called a "laughing donkey." It laughs like a parrot, but has projections at the side of its head which give rise to the name. Another household pet is the Japanese poodle, which here is very small and very curly haired. This dog catches its own fish in the lagoons, and eats fruit from the guava tree. The man who owns a farm in the Ladrões is a rich man, for he can support life without labor. Bread fruit trees grow wild, and with the coconuts are the shade trees of the islands. A grove of bread fruit trees to a Ladrões islander is what a herd of western cattle is to a ranchman. Fruit grows all the year around, and every quality of queer edible tropical fruit is found there. Rice, corn, indigo, castor oil, guava and bread fruit are exceeding plentiful, while sugar cane, cotton, tobacco and castor beans grow without planting. They are natural to the soil, and spring up in such quantities as to be regarded as weeds. A very valuable possession which Uncle Sam will use in the palm grove, which extends in a belt across all the islands. This palm grove consists of palm trees which rise side by side so close together that you can hardly, except for the slenderness of the trunks of these trees, penetrate into the depths of the palm forest. They grow vegetable ivory, which in commerce is as good as the elephant tusk. This ivory can be used in all cases that do not call for great durability, and for ornaments it cannot be surpassed.

A BABEL IN AUSTRIA. Many Widely Different Tongues Spoken in the Various Provinces. From the Spectator. In the Austrian Alps the local dialects so vary as to be unintelligible from one district to another, and yet have been cultivated in passion plays and popular poetry. One and always the same dialect is scattered chiefly in Lower Austria, but even round Vienna—Slovak colonies, Czechs, Slovaks, Croats. In Vienna itself the Czechs claim to be 150,000. Slovaks spread over three crownlands—Styria, Carinthia and Carinthia. In the last, which contains also the Romans, Catholic, Sobe, but the Slovaks seem to be retreating before the Germans. Of these a remarkable group occurs in the barren Gottschee country, southeast of Ljubochonj inhabited since the fourteenth century. Here again we find a dialect unintelligible to other Germans, yet rich in tales and poetry. Strange to say, the reawakening of the Slovenian race in the course of the last hundred years seems to have been determined by the first Napoleon, who replaced German in the normal schools of the so-called Illyrian provinces (six in number) by Slovene and called forth the passionate admiration of the Slovenian poets. Tyrol and Vorarlberg, again, are divided between Germans, Italians and "Ladins" (Latins), the so-called Romansch of Switzerland. In the Tyrol also each valley has its own pronunciation, its own accent, its expressions unintelligible a few miles off. The Ladins were predominant in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; toward the eighteenth century the Italians got the upper hand, but soon were to be becoming gradually outnumbered by the Germans. The Ladins from a curious little group of from 10,000 to 20,000 in Tyrol with near by 20,000 in Friuli (besides the 40,000 of the Germans). Their language is nearer to Provencal or Catalan than to Italian. They chiefly inhabit the valleys, while the German climbs the mountain sides, just as he has done in Bohemia, the Czechs mainly occupying the plains.

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