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MORE "TRUCK AND TRADE."

The removal of the customs duties that restrict trade between Canada and the United States seems to be a popular policy when it serves the big interests. The interests are always patriotic. Their allegiance is not likely to be undermined by having "truck or trade" with the Yankees. The east and west haul is not essention to Canada's prosperity so long as it will add to their profits to have their products hauled south to the United States market. It is only the farmer whose loyalty is in doubt. For him there is only safety in having no "truck or trade" with the Yankee.

Take this recent development in the Quebec pulpwood and paper trade. A number of the great paper and pulp producing concerns of that province—in one of which, by the way, that staunch patriot, Sir William Van Horne, is a leading figure—are jubilating over the removal of restrictions on the export of pulpwood by the Quebec government. This action will enable them to export paper duty free to the United States. Mr. William Price, one of the best authorities in the trade, says the removal of these hampering restrictions on both sides of the border will mean an increase of a million a year in paper manufacture in the province.

Here, then, is a case where the wiping out of obstructions on both sides of the border is a benefit all round. The Quebec papermakers get more business and better prices. The United States users of paper get supplies more cheaply. Both share in the advantage from the removal of the duties. But the moment this argument is applied to the export of cattle or grain or dairy products by the Canadian farmer up go the danger signals. The east and west haul emerges from well earned reposed, the flag in unfurled, Imperial interests are invoked, and the farmer is solemnly told that if Canada wants to preserve her nationality she will have "no truck or trade with the Yankee." What rubbish! How long will the farmer be humbugged by it!—Toronto Globe.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE WILL HAVE SHORT SESSION

ABOLITION OF POLL TAX AND REPORT OF MUNICIPAL COMMISSION WILL BE CONSIDERED—FIVE WEEKS SHOULD COMPLETE PROGRAMME.

Victoria, Jan. 20.—The first session of British Columbia's Fourteenth Parliament, which opened on Thursday, is not expected to last longer than five weeks, the legislative programme being less extensive than in several previous years and being generally non-contentious in its character. Railway legislation, which has been the feature of the government's progressive agenda during late years, promises to be distinctly limited in volume and chiefly in connection with necessary and satisfactory expansion of construction policies already decided and sealed with the approval of the provincial electorate. It is thus quite possible that parliamentary sanction may be sought and granted to cover the expansion of the charter rights of the Canadian Northern Pacific and the Pacific Great Eastern, so as to permit all the extension of the lines of these companies to the northern end of Vacouver Island, from the vicinity of Alberni, and from Fort George eastward into and through the Peace River district respectively.

Charter Amendments

A number of charter amendments are to be sought by the city of Vancouver. The most important is that providing that the Park Board may maintain boulevards and grass plots on a frontage tax. Another proposed amendment provides that the city may prohibit, licence and regulate the erection of tents in the corporation limits. Another amendment desired deals with powers of the building inspector, making it possible for him to give certain permits for construction not specifically dealt with in the existing bylaws.

An amendmenut which will do much to beautify the city if obtained is that to the effect that the city may enter upon private lots or blocks, and remove trees, brush and debris, charging the cost to the owner or owners. The city of Vancouver also seeks a charter amendment giving it power to establish a firemen's benefit fund.

Farewell to Poll Tax

The outstanding feature of public legislation may be looked for in a bill to amend the Revenue Act, abolishing the so-called "poll tax," and generally to provide for a more just and equitable distribution of the burden of taxation, in accordance with the recommendations of the Taxation Commission, based upon first hand investigation of conditions throughout the province conducted by that tribunal a year or so ago. The enquiries and report of the Municipal Commission will also probably be crystalized in legislation giving effect to a majority of the suggestions recently made by this body; while the Public Health Act will also in all likelihood be open for new matter originating in the report of the Milk Commission and for general minor alterations and amendments proven necessary and expedient in the everyday working of this piece of legislation.

The creation of an independent audit office and a board of censors for moving picture films and posters are necessarily features of prospective government legislation previously referred to. A new highway act empowering the minister of public works to regulate and restrict exceptionally heavy traffic at certain seasons of the year will also be presented early in the session, and it is understood that the Lands Act, Water Act, Public Schools Act, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Act and Liquor License Act, are likely to be presented for such amendment as their working in practice has demonstrated to be in the public interest. The estimates will undoubtedly provide for an aggressive public works programme, as succinctly outlined by the Premier at New Year, and for the carrying forward of arrangements in connection with university establishment.

Private bills of the session will include several municipal incorporation measures, a few minor railway charters, and two enabling bills specifically relating to Victoria city.

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London, Jan. 20—The impression is growing here that the Duke of Connaught in view of the precarious health of the Duchess will not seek an extension of his term of office as Governor-General of the Dominion.

H.R.H. DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

Prince Arthur last week obtained special leave from his regiment to proceed immediately to Canada if unfavorable news was received. The Duchess' illness has caused considerable anxiety here, and bulletins are eagerly awaited.

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