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In 1914, Mr. E. D. Smith, of Winona, Ontario, was one of the men who were actively joined with Mr. R. L. Borden in proclaiming the folly of "truck or trade with the Yankees." In 1914 Mr. Smith has become Senator Smith as a reward for his devotion to the Borden cause and he is still the head of one of the largest fruit handling firms in Canada. At the close of last May, a circular letter was sent out to fruit dealers by Senator Smith's firm and in that letter there appeared the following significant statements:—

"We are buying strawberries in refrigerator carload lots from the South now for our jam factory and canning factories and so we have an opportunity to supply you at, we believe, lower rates and (with) better quality of berries than can be supplied in any other way. We did this last year and those who bought these berries were extremely well pleased and continued their patronage as long as we had the berries."

Three years ago, Mr. Smith and the other supporters of Mr. Borden were shouting that it would be folly for Canada to have increased "truck and trade with the Yankees." There would be no benefit to Canada from such business, they cried. To trade with the Americans must mean the annexation of the Dominion and

the disruption of the Empire.

Today, we have Senator Smith's admission that his firm had "truck and trade with the Yankees" last year and found it advantageous. We have the further admission that this year, because of "truck and trade with the Yankees," his firm was able to supply strawberries in May at especially favorable prices. The incident is just one of the many bits of striking comment upon the sincerity or the good judgment of the Bordens and the Smiths who asserted their trade restrictionist doctrines so vociferously three years ago.

But it is more than that. It is an incident supplying proof of the soundness of the position taken by the Liberals in 1911 when they argued that the Laurier policy of freer trade would operate to the advantage of the Canadian consumer as well as of the Canadian producer. During the 1911 campaign, it was pointed out by Liberal speakers and papers that, owing to differing climatic conditions in the two countries, vegetables and fruits, for example, are sometimes available in the United States before they have matured in Canada and that from time to time prices differ with the varying of the seasons between the two countries. Under these circumstances, of course, there must be times when it

would be to the advantage of Canadians to have the opportunity of purchasing in the United States, just as at other times the Canadian market would be most suitable.

The letter sent out by Senator Smith's firm justifies the Liberal position. At the time of which the letter spoke, it was to the advantage of the Canadians to purchase American berries. At another time it might be to the advantage of people in some portions of Canada to purchase other American products. At still other times it would be to the advantage of Americans to buy Canadian products.

The Smith letter serves to emphasize these facts, but it does more than that. It recalls the fact that under the Liberal policy, berries and other natural products from the United States would have been admitted into Canada duty-free as such products would have been admitted to the United States free of duty when shipped from the Dominion. But, with the aid of such men as Senator Smith, Mr. Borden was successful in hoodwinking a majority of Canadians into supporting his trade restriction policy so that while it is to the advantage of Canadians to purchase berries and other natural products from the United States at certain seasons, they must continue to pay not only the price and the dealer's profit, but the amount of a tariff duty as well. Right there is one of the reasons of the unnecessarily high cost of living.

HID FOUR MONTHS IN CAVE AT POINT GREY

Man Wanted for Murder Traced by Police Who Follow His Wife

Vancouver, June 29.—Nickane Tastopia, for four months a fugitive from justice, was yesterday arrested by Detectives McDonald and Ricci, of the Vancouver department, charged with attempted murder, it being alleged that one night in February he stabbed Dominico Caperto five times in a drunken brawl at 600 Harris Street. Following the stabbing, Tastopia made his escape and was not discovered until yesterday.

The method of Tastopia's capture is dramatic in the extreme. For four months Tastopia has lived in a hole which he dug under a huge stump in West Point Grey. The secret was only betrayed unconsciously by the hunted man's wife, who yesterday carried provisions to Tastopia's hiding place and was trailed to the stump by the detectives.

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SERIOUS BLOW TO ANTI-SEMITIC PARTY

Young and Inexperienced Archduke Becomes Heir to the Thrones of Austria and Hungary

Vienna, July 4.—The opinion has gained ground in authoritative circles here that the future of Austria-Hungary, now, more than ever, depends on the health of the venerable Emperor Francis Joseph.

It was pointed out in political circles that if the emperor is permitted to reign only a few years more everything may continue as usual and Archduke Francis Ferdinand's death will have little lasting material effect on the foreign or domestic affairs of the dual monarchy.

It was argued that should a youthful and inexperienced ruler like the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, son of the late Archduke Otto, suddenly be called on to take the reins of government, a period of anxiety might supervene. The young archduke and his wife, who was Princess Zita of Parma, are both extremely popular among all classes of society and everybody from the emperor down is said to be prepared to do his utmost to help them in every way to rise to the responsible position so suddenly thrust on them.

No Political Upheaval

The suggestion put forward in some quarters that Archduke Francis Ferdinand's death is likely to cause a political upheaval is said to have little foundation, as the old emperor has kept the reins of government in his own hands, delegating as little power as possible to his late nephew.

Much mystery always has existed in Austria-Hungary regarding the late heir's real political claims. He was credited with being an ardent Catholic and the chief supporter of the powerful Christian-Socialist or anti-Semitic party in Austria.

It was known he was not in sympathy with the Magyar regime in Hungary, nor was he as pro-German in Austria as some of the German Nationalist factions desired him to be.

Favored Three-Fold System

The late archduke, it is believed, really favored some form of three-fold system for the future government of the Austro-Hungarian empire to take the place of the present dual regime of Germans in Austria and Magyars in Hungary. It is said he desired to see the great Slavic population in the two halves of the empire and forming a very powerful proportion of the inhabitants, given some definite share of the government of the country. Indeed, it is declared he made clear promises in that direction to certain leaders of the Slav parties a few months ago.

His death removes all the possibilities and will, it is understood, prove a serious blow to the dominant power and to the anti-Semites.

TROOPS HELD READY FOR IRELAND

London, July 4.—It is stated that confidential orders have been received by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Douglas Gaig, commander in chief at Aldershot, to hold certain troops in readiness to move out of camp on short notice. Those particularly indicated are the First Cavalry Brigade, composed of the Second Dragoons, the Fifth Dragoons, the Eleventh Hussars, and the Second Infantry Division. It is understood that the North of Ireland is the destination of the troops, which will only be moved as a last necessity. They will march out as for a regular campaign.

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