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WHAT IS RECIPROCITY?

The Reciprocity Bill is a proposal between Canada and the United States to reciprocally abolish taxes on the food products which are exchanged across the border between the two countries.

It will mean a reduction in the high cost of living, and make food more plentiful.

It will enable the people of British Columbia to enjoy the early fruits of the Pacific States free of duty.

It will enable the fruit growers of British Columbia to market their later matured fruits in the markets of the United States at a time when they will bring the highest prices.

It will open the markets of the United States to the lumber of British Columbia.

It will open the markets of the United States to the fisheries of Northern British Columbia.

It will bring twenty thousand fishermen and their families to Prince Rupert.

It will bring prosperity to Prince Rupert.

The United States Congress has carried the bill.

All that is now required is that Canada carries the bill.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is appealing to the people of Canada to endorse reciprocity at the polls.

To secure prosperity for British Columbia support Sir Wilfrid Laurier and reciprocity.

The mutual abolition of taxes on food is the only issue in the present campaign.

THE HAND OF THE MACHINE

The News prints the following letter without comment. No comment is needed. It shows how the machine works to eliminate free competition of citizens for civic work. The thin trick by which the Board of Works shuffles out of the obligation of soliciting tenders in the open market for the hauling of crushed rock is quite apparent.

The letter was addressed by the City Clerk, apparently at the instance of the Board of Works, to a local contractor:

July 25, 1911

Dear Sir,—I enclose herewith cheque for \$17.50 in payment of your account for hauling rock crusher, etc. As I explained to you a week ago, the Board of Works together with the City Engineer, consider the charge of \$15.00 an extortionate one, and after considering the same for a week or so, the Board decided to pass the account for payment, and it instructed me when paying this account to inform you, you were to receive no more work from the City.

I hear from various sources that you are complaining because you were not asked to tender on the hauling of the crushed rock, and I mention this fact so that you will understand why you were not asked to tender, that is, I was simply carrying out instructions given to me by the Board of Works.

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THE ADVENTURE OF THE RED CIRCLE

BY ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

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The landlady drew an envelope from her bag; from it she shook out two burnt matches and a cigarette-end upon the table.

"They were on his tray this morning. I brought them because I had heard that you can read great things out of small ones."

Holmes shrugged his shoulders. "There is nothing here," said he. "The matches have, of course, been used to light cigarettes. That is obvious from the shortness of the burnt end. Half the match is consumed in lighting a pipe or a cigar. But, dear me! this cigarette stub is certainly remarkable. The gentleman was bearded and mustached, you say?"

"Yes, sir."

"I don't understand that. I should say that only a clean-shaven man could have smoked this. Why, Watson, even your modest moustache would have been singed."

"A holder?" I suggested.

"No, no; the end is matted. I suppose there could not be two people in your rooms, Mrs. Warren?"

"No, sir. He eats so little that I often wonder it can keep life in one."

"Well, I think we must wait for a little more material. After all, you have nothing to complain of. You have received your rent, and he is not a troublesome lodger, though he is certainly an unusual one. He pays you well, and if he chooses to lie concealed it is no direct business of yours. We have no excuse for an intrusion upon his privacy until we have some reason to think that there is a guilty reason for it. I've taken up the matter, and I won't lose sight of it. Report to me if anything fresh occurs, and rely upon my assistance if it should be needed."

"But for what possible end?"

"Ah! there lies our problem. There is one rather obvious line of investigation." He took down the great book in which, day by day, he filed the all agony columns of the various London journals. "Dear me!" said he, turning over the pages, "what a chorus of groans, cries, and beatings! What a rag-bag of singular happenings! But surely the most valuable hunting-ground that ever was given to the student of the unusual! This person is alone,

"There are certainly some points of interest in this case, Watson," he remarked, when the landlady had left us. "It may, of course, be trivial—individual eccentricity, or it may be very much deeper than appears on the surface. The first thing that strikes one is the obvious possibility that the person now in the rooms may be entirely different from the one who engaged them."

"Why should you think so?"

"Well, apart from this cigarette-end, was it not suggestive that the only time the lodger went out was immediately after his taking the rooms? He came back—or someone came back—when all witnesses were out of the way. We have no proof that the person who came back was the person who went out. Then, again, the man who took the rooms spoke English well. This other, however, prints 'match' when it should have been 'matches.' I can imagine that the word was taken out of a dictionary, which would give the noun but not the plural. The laconic style may be to conceal the absence of knowledge of English. Yes, Watson, there are good reasons to suspect that there has been a substitution of lodgers."

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and cannot be approached by letter without a breach of that absolute secrecy which is desired. How is any news or any message to reach him without? Obviously by advertisement through a newspaper. There seems no other way, and fortunately we need concern ourselves with the one paper only. Here are the Daily Gazette extracts of the last fortnight. 'Lady with a black boar at Prince's Skating Club'—that we may pass. 'Surely Jimmy will not break his mother's heart'—that appears to be irrelevant. 'If the lady who fainted in the Brixton bus'—she does not interest me. 'Every day my heart longs'—Bleat, Watson—unmitigated bleat! Ah! this is a little more possible. Listen to this: 'Be patient. Will find some means of communication. Meanwhile, this column—G.' That is two days after Mrs. Warren's lodger arrived. It sounds plausible, does it not? The mysterious one could understand English, even if he could not print it. Let us see if we can pick up the trace again. Yes, here we are—three days later. 'Am making successful arrangements. Patience and prudence. The clouds will pass.—G.' Nothing for a week after that. Then come something much more definite: 'The path is clearing. If I chance signal message remember code agreed—one A, two B, and so on. You will hear soon.—G.' That was in yesterday's paper, and there is nothing in today's. It's all very appropriate to Mrs. Warren's lodger. If we wait a little, Watson, I don't doubt that the affair will grow more intelligible."

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