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### THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BILL

In their efforts to defeat the bill to mutually remove taxation from the exchanged food products of Canada and the United States, Mr. Borden and his followers have been guilty of worse crimes than robbing Western Canada and British Columbia of their fair share of representation at Ottawa. They have stooped to misrepresentation of facts.

When the Conservative party took up the cause of the interests who profit by keeping the taxes on food, they realised that some cry was necessary to stampede the public and frighten them from the subject, if reciprocity was to be defeated. They realised that reciprocity could not be defeated, save by misrepresentation. So they embarked upon a policy of misrepresentation.

The misrepresentation took the form that reciprocity was a subtle device to bring Canada to a point where she would desire to be annexed or would have to be annexed to the United States. It was a crazy and absurd cry to raise. More than that it was the most unpatriotic and loyalty-insulting cry that could possibly be raised in connection with the reciprocity agreement. But the opponents of reciprocity probably reasoned that they knew their own followers best. And it is painfully true that a large proportion of the electors are content to think about public questions through another man's brain.

The first piece of misrepresentation was that reciprocity was intended to lead towards annexation. It was the kind of appeal calculated to stampede a well meaning but ignorant electorate. And it was not easy to refute out of hand.

But an untruthful interpretation requires untruthful evidence to support it. The opponents of reciprocity had to find "facts" to support their piece of misrepresentation. It was here that they fell down. It is here that their misrepresentation swallows itself.

It was represented by the opponents of reciprocity that a treaty was to be made, binding Canada for a term of years in a hard and fast agreement to the changes in her tariff policy. It was represented that Canada was parting with her liberty to initiate and readjust her tariff policies, and would fall a helpless prey to the cuter brains,

which the Conservative party in Canada assumes is the special monopoly of United States politicians.

This was the evidence brought forward to substantiate the misrepresentation that a desire to annex Canada was in the minds of some of those who drew up the reciprocity proposals.

The truth of the matter is that the reciprocity proposals are not in the form of a treaty.

An exchange of letters has been made between the two governments, in which it is proposed that certain duties on natural products shall be mutually abolished, and on other articles mutually reduced.

There is nothing binding upon either party for a minute longer than it desires to remain a consenting party.

The agreement—it is not a treaty—can be broken a week after it is passed without impropriety, if it is not found to be working to mutual advantage.

One very significant thing in this connection occurred during the passage of the bill through Congress, when Senator Cummin's amendment (giving the President of the United States power to abrogate the agreement without consulting Congress if Canada abrogates her part in it) was rejected after the argument of Senator Lodge that "Canada's regard for the good faith of the agreement would prevent any such contingency."

This shows that the United States Congress fully realises the fact that the agreement is terminable at will, and that the only assurance of the permanence of the agreement is the goodwill of Canada, and the satisfactory working of the agreement.

Canada does not abate one jot or tittle of her freedom by the reciprocity agreement.

It will require something more than an absurd and untruthful cry to convince the people of Canada that it is a sensible thing for a man to tax himself on the food he eats.

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## A REMINISCENCE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

### THE ADVENTURE OF THE RED CIRCLE

BY ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

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"Ah, yes, Watson—severely practical, as usual! What is at the root of it all? Mrs. Warren's whimsical problem enlarges somewhat and assumes a more sinister aspect as we proceed. This much we can say: that is no ordinary love escapade. You saw the woman's face at the sign of danger. We have heard, too, of the attack upon the landlord, which was undoubtedly meant for the lodger. These alarms, and the desperate need for secrecy, argue that the matter is one of life or death. The attack upon Mr. Warren further shows that the enemy, whoever they are, are themselves not aware of the substitution of the female lodger for the male. It is very curious and complex, Watson."

"Why should you go further in it? What have you to gain from it?"

"What, indeed. It is Art for Art's sake, Watson. I suppose when you doctored you found yourself studying cases without thought of fee?"

"For my education, Holmes."

"Education never ends, Watson. It is a serious of lessons with the greatest for the last. This is an instructive case. There is neither money nor credit in it, and yet one would wish to tidy it up. When dusk comes we should find ourselves one stage advanced in our investigation."

When we returned to Mrs. Warren's rooms, the gloom of a London winter evening had thickened into one grey curtain, a dead monotone of colour, broken only by the sharp yellow squares of the windows and the blurred haloes of the gas-lamps. As we peered from the darkened sitting-room of the lodging house, one more dim light glimmered high up through the obscurity.

"Someone is moving in that

room," said Holmes in a whisper, his gaunt and eager face thrust forward to the window-pane. "Yes, I can see his shadow. There he is again. He has a candle in his hand. Now he is peering across. He wants to be sure that she is on the lookout. Now he begins to flash. Take the message also, Watson, that we may check each other. A single flash—that is 'A' surely. Now, then. How many did you make it? Twenty. So did I. That should mean 'T.' AT—that's intelligible enough! Another 'T'. Surely this is the beginning of a second word. Now then, TENTA. Dead stop. That can't be all, Watson? 'ATTENT-A' gives no sense. Nor is it any better as three words—'AT-TEN TA' unless 'T. A.' are a person's initials. There he goes again! What's that? ATTE—why, it is the same message over again. Curious, Watson, very curious! Now he is off once more! AT—why he is repeating it for the third time. 'ATTENTA' three times! How often will he repeat it? No, that seems to be the finish. He has withdrawn from the window. What do you make of it, Watson?"

"A cipher message, Holmes."

My companion gave a sudden chuckle of comprehension. "And not a very obscure cipher, Watson," said he. "Why of course, it is Italian! The 'A' means that it is addressed to a woman. 'Beware! Beware! Beware!' How's that, Watson?"

"I believe you have hit it."

"Not a doubt of it. It is a very urgent message, thrice repeated to make it more so. But beware of what? Wait a bit; he is coming to the window once more."

Again we saw the dim silhouette of a crouching man and the whisk of the small flame across the window, as the signals were re-

newed. They came more rapidly than before—so rapid that it was hard to follow them.

"PERICOLO!—pericolo!—eh, what's that, Watson? Danger, isn't it? Yes, by Jove, it's a danger signal. There he goes again! 'PERI.' Halloa, what on earth—"

The light had suddenly gone out, the glimmering square of window had disappeared, and the third floor formed a dark band round the lofty building, with its tiers of shining casements. That last warning cry had been suddenly cut short. How, and by whom? The same thought occurred on the instant to us both. Holmes sprang up from where he crouched by the window.

"This is serious, Watson," he cried. "There is some devilry going forward! Why should such a message stop in such a way? I should put Scotland Yard in touch with this business—and yet it is too pressing for us to leave."

"Shall I go for the police?"

"We must define the situation a little more clearly. It may bear some more innocent interpretation. Come, Watson, let us go across ourselves and see what we can make of it."

(To be Continued)

### MILLER ACCEPTS NOMINATION

After Consideration, Decides to Stand for Haldimand

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Word has been sent to the Liberals of Haldimand County by R. F. Miller of Rainham centre, that he has decided to accept the nomination for the House of Commons tendered him by the Liberal association of the riding some time ago and in connection with which he asked time for consideration.

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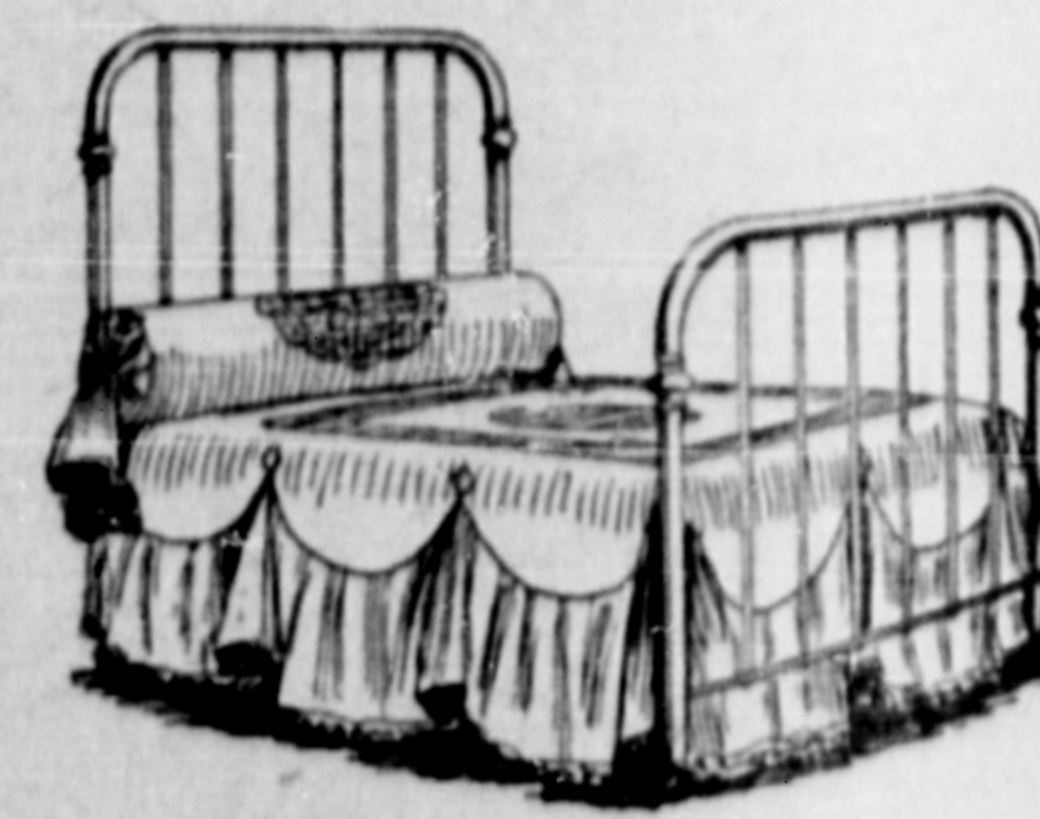
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