

# Meaning of "Maritime Rights" Should Be Known Everywhere

## Conditions in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Before Confederation Compared With Those of the Present Day.

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FROM the Quebec border southward to the sea, and from Sydney, Cape Breton, to the State of Maine, an oft repeated phrase upon the lips of Maritime men and women regardless of social station or political affiliation, is the term "Maritime Rights." And particularly during the last few months, have these two words had a special significance for the people of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. In the Province of New Brunswick the last election was fought and won largely on this issue, and we at last have been awakened to a keen appreciation of the terrible travesty of justice of which we Maritime people have been the victims.

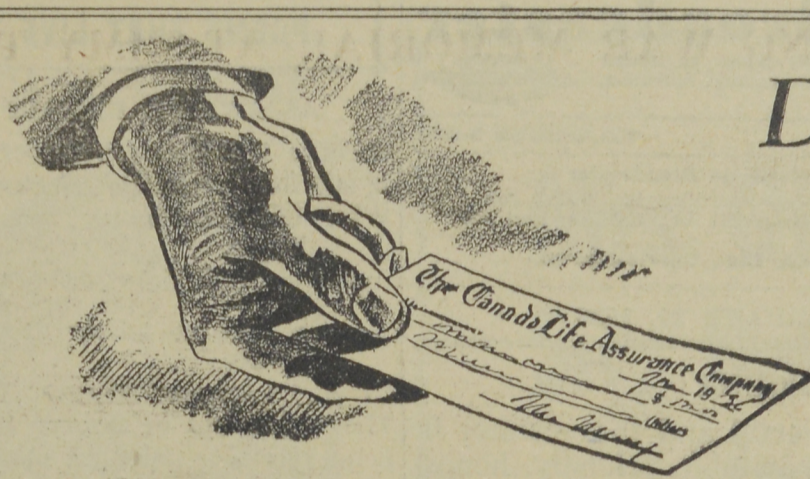
The literal application of the phrase "Maritime Rights" does not altogether convey the full or exact meaning that we should take from it. In a sense it refers to those concessions, privileges and prerogatives guaranteed to us by solemn and binding contract, in consideration of which our three provinces were prevailed upon to enter the Union of Federated Provinces and, which concessions, privileges and prerogatives were solemnly agreed upon in return for certain concessions granted by the three Provinces, so that the Union could be effected and, which culminated in the British North America Act (1867) creating in the western world the Dominion of Canada, in which by treaty we are full and equal partners.

That we may form a reasonable idea of just what this meant to us, let us briefly compare our economic position prior to 1867 and

our position today, and then the full force of the term "Maritime Rights" will be brought home to us, and the terrible injustices, the shameful and absolute violation of solemn agreement, both in letter and in spirit will be most apparent.

The economic state of the Maritime Provinces previous to Confederation was such that it was the envy of the western world; our basic industries of agriculture, lumbering, fishing and mining had reached a level not attained by any other section of what we now know as Canada. Our subsidiary industries of shipbuilding and the milling of lumber had reached a point whereby we stood foremost in the Empire. World trade flowed through our gateways of Halifax and Saint John, and on the broad bosoms of our Maritime harbors floated the shipping and commerce of the seven seas, and in such numbers, that it had been said that the masts of the vessels resembled "a waving forest."

The markets of the world clamored for our raw materials and the steady demand for our manufactured goods was greater than we could supply. Labor was at a premium, our local labor was absorbed and we were importing labor from less favored countries. Everybody was busy and prosperous and everybody was happy. There was work for all, shipyards, ropewalks, foundries, sawmills, tanneries, boot and shoe factories, breweries, soap works and manufactories of all kinds dotted our land from one end to the other, and if any people were ever prosperous and happy, it was our own people of the Maritimes.



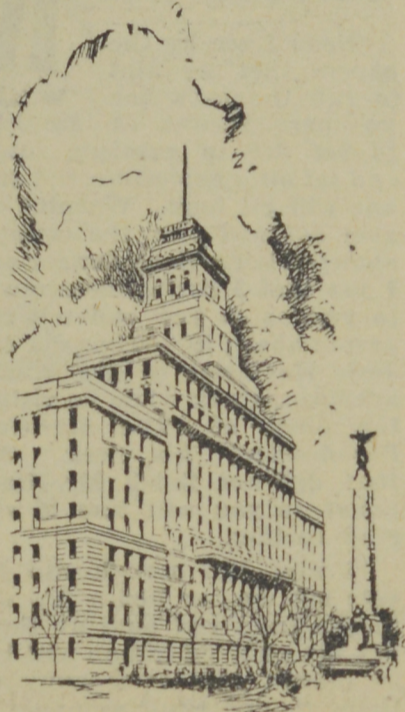
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Canada has felt the steadying effect of such payments from Life Insurance Companies throughout the years of depression.



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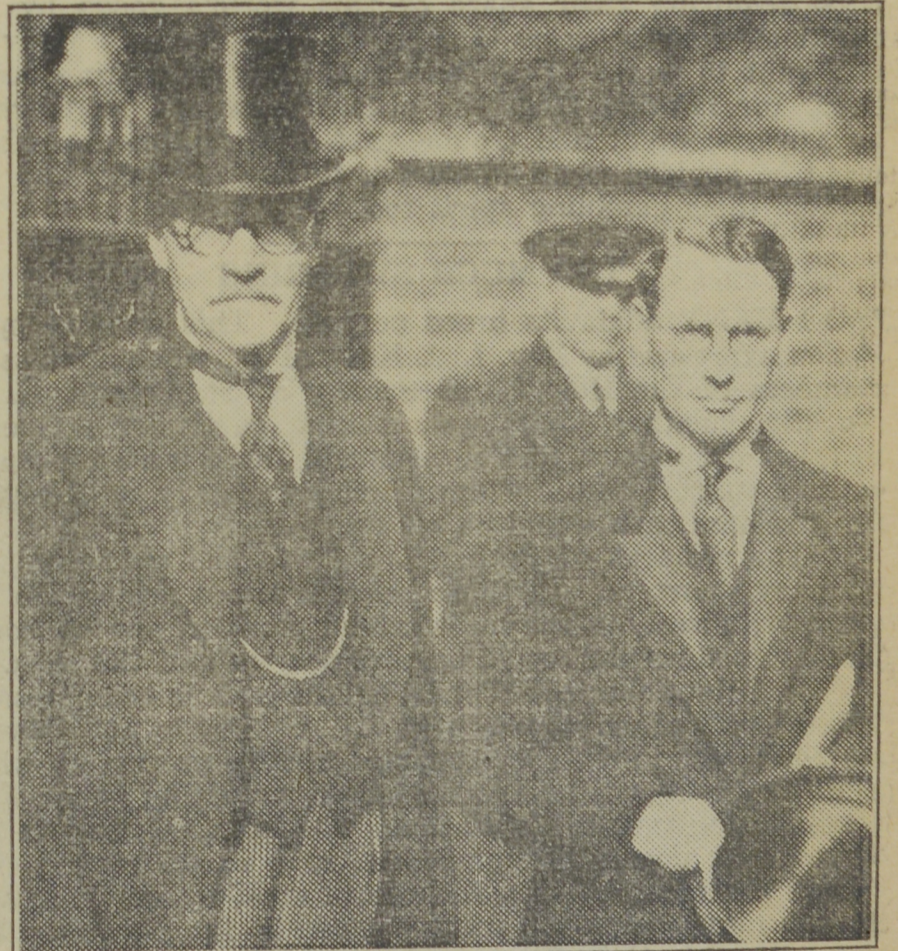
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Our villages grew into towns and towns grew into cities. Our public services were perfected; schools and churches were erected and the culture of our people carved for them a place of honor among the great of the Empire. The house flags of our Maritime owned and Maritime manned shipping floated proudly from the masts of our vessels in every port of the known world.

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### MACDONALDS BACK IN HOUSE



There is great rejoicing in the Macdonald clan now that RAMSAY MACDONALD (left), and his son, MALCOLM (right), have returned to the House of Commons with victories in two by-elections. Both were returned to the House with substantial majorities.

### Beware Of Slick Salesman Who Has Doubtful Bargains

Buy Goods From the Home Merchant, Whom You Can Trust.

A smooth tongue and a suggestion that you are going to get something cheap may cause you a lot of worry and cost you a lot of cash in the end. When some one rings your door bell and tells you of the wonderful bargains they have to offer, or that they are calling on only a selected few, of which you are one of the chosen, to offer you a rare opportunity to get something for nothing, watch you step or your name may be added to the sucker list.

So glib and so convincing is the patter of these racketeer salesmen that large sums of money are being taken yearly from citizens of this city and Province.

Not so long ago two salesmen, purporting to be from Ireland (they had acquired an Irish brogue) sold thousands of dollars worth of cloth and linen, by telling people they were selling direct from the factory. They secured prices three and four times that for which the goods could be bought retail. As a matter of fact the goods were purchased locally by the men.

Then there is the salesman who has a few articles that have been

smuggled into the country, as well as the smooth fellow who tells of having given a few beads and trinkets to natives of some country for genuine specimens of tapestry and will do you a real favor by giving them to you at half their actual value.

It is a recognized fact that some people will pay higher than retail prices for articles if they can be led to believe they are buying wholesale. They also like to think they are evading customs charges and other legitimate costs. Knowing these public failings the slick salesman weaves the thought into a story and the public falls for it.

The next time you are offered a real bargain or a chance to buy at a real discount, keep in mind this one basic fact; no way has yet been devised whereby goods can be sold for less than they are actually worth. No one is going around from door to door offering something for nothing. Play safe, buy from those you can trust, that is the merchant who does business and pays taxes in your own community. If you follow this advice you will save yourself both money and worry.

Be a good citizen—buy Maritime-made goods.

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