

# ROOSEVELT WILL ASK RECIPROCITY.

**If Elected He Will at Once Invite Canada to Consider a Reciprocal Trade Arrangement With the United States.**

Boston, Oct. 18.—The Globe prints the following under Washington date:—In the event that Mr. Roosevelt is elected he will at the earliest practicable moment invite Canada to discuss the question of trade relations between the Dominion and the United States, in other words, reciprocity.

The details have not yet been determined upon, but in all probability the Anglo-American high point commission will be convened, as that furnishes the easiest and most simple machinery to effect the purpose in view.

The commission, it will be remembered, adjourned sine die, having dead-locked over the Alaska boundary. On every other subject at issue practically an agreement has been reached, but the commissioners could not agree on the boundary, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, preferred to have no agreement rather than reach a partial agreement with the most important question in dispute, the boundary, undecided.

Now that the question has been settled to the satisfaction of both countries, and there are no other political controversies to arouse friction in the commission, it is believed that it ought not to be so difficult for an arrangement to be effected that will be for the interest of both countries.

When the commission held its final session in this country, now nearly three years ago, it adjourned subject to the call of the respective chairmen. Senator Fairbanks being the chairman of the American commissioners and the late Lord Herschell, who died in Washington of heart disease, while attending the commission, a former lord chancellor of England, the highest judicial officer under the crown, being the chairman of the English commission.

His place has never been filled, and although from time to time there have been suggestions made that the commission should reassemble so as to dispose of the questions still remaining open, the time has never seemed quite opportune by the Canadian government and nothing has been done in the matter.

Whether a reassembling of the commission will result in an agreement being reached on reciprocity is pure speculation at this time. The President will take the initiative because the sentiment of the country appears to demand that at least an effort should be made in that direction, but the commissioners representing the United States will not be in a yielding mood, nor will they generously give Canada anything.

Whatever Canada obtains she will have to pay for.

"If Canada," said my informant, a member of the cabinet, "has nothing better to offer to us than reciprocity in natural products—coal, cereals and fish—she might as well decline to attend the conference in advance, and thereby save both sides trouble and expense. If she wants access to our markets she will have to pay the price; she will have to give some advantages to American manufacturers."

"But is such a thing possible? Canada is building up her own industries and would she subject them to the competition of the United States, surely a destructive competition?"

"That I cannot say; that is for Canada to determine. On both sides of the line there has been an agitation in favor of reciprocity. Now, I have always held that reciprocity is a theoretical dream that is shattered the moment the heavy hand of practical fact is laid upon the dreamers."

"To swap a few tons of coal for a few bushels of wheat some people may please to call reciprocity, but it isn't reciprocity in fact. If Canada, for instance, will admit our boots and shoes free, or under a per cent tariff, I have no doubt we should be glad to do the same thing with her boots and shoes, and then the market would belong to the manufacturers who could produce cheapest."

"But I don't believe that Canada would do that, because, as you suggest, it would subject her to destructive competition, so that genuine reciprocity is not feasible. Still we can make the attempt, and if it fails it will put an end to this rather nonsensical talk of reciprocity."

From what is known in Washington of the Canadian attitude, Canada will be in no pliant mood and no more willing than the United States to yield material advantages except for material gain.

Canada is prosperous and in good shape financially, and a great many Canadians, liberals as well as conservatives, regard it as certain that the time is not far distant when England will adopt a tariff which will discriminate against the rest of the world in favor of the British colonies.

If that should be done, Canada will be able to undersell the United States in the English market, and Canadian statesmen naturally think that a preferential arrangement with England is more to their advantage than reciprocity with the United States.

A. MAURICE LOW.

## HOW THEY VIEW THE SITUATION.

**The Boston Transcript on the Result of the Elections on Nov. 3rd.**

(Boston Transcript, Oct. 17).

Victory or defeat for Premier Laurier in the Dominion general elections on Nov. 3 largely brings upon the verdict of the French Canadian Province of Quebec, the great stronghold of the present liberal administration. It is conceded by the conservatives that a solid Quebec for Laurier means a liberal Federal victory once more, and the liberals go so far as to assert that an increased majority for Laurier in that province is assured. From 1872 to 1891 the average number of liberals returned to Parliament from Quebec was about twenty-seven, the highest number at any election being thirty-five and the lowest seventeen. At the last general election out of Quebec's sixty-five seats fifty-eight returned Laurier men, Mr. Borden, the opposition leader hopes, to break the ranks this time and elect twenty-seven opposition members from Quebec, which, with the expected increase from the other provinces, would give a conservative majority over the whole Dominion of twelve seats. Ontario would have to return as many conservatives as at the last appeal to the country, fifty-five, and the opposition seems confident of this and more.

One reason for the expectation that Ontario will do as well for the conservatives as at the last election, or better, is the popular feeling aroused by the revelations of political corruption on the part of the prominent liberals, by which four of their seats in the Ontario Legislature were declared vacant, against one conservative seat voluntarily vacated by the elected member on confession of technical violations of the law by agents. Other grounds relate to developments since the Dominion election of 1890, tending to show a steady trend toward the conservative policy in federal affairs. The hoped for increase in Manitoba rests on evidence of a turn-over to conservatism at last year's provincial election, when only nine liberals obtained seats against thirty conservatives. In British Columbia the indications are held to point too conclusively to conservatism to be seriously disputed, and the figures are claimed to be well on the safe side. The claim of six seats in the northwest territories against none in the present parliament is a stagger, but rests on the fact that the territories have only four seats in 1900 against ten now, and the claim that the growth of popular sentiment of late has been turned to the conservative side by the railroad government ownership policy of Mr. Borden. The claim of an increased conservative representation from the Maritime provinces appears to be founded to a great extent on splits within the liberal party itself on the transcontinental railway issue and other causes of disagreement. The ministerialists, on the other hand, not only express confidence that the Quebec liberal contingent will be increased but they will gain at least three, possibly five, seats in Ontario by the readjustment of constituencies effected during the last session of Parliament, and win all along the line in the West, in some places on the transcontinental railway policy and in others on that burning issue in the wheat country—the tariff.

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Mrs. Thomas Mersereau of Mortimore is recovering from a four week's illness.

Mrs. Petley of Rexton Road, near Mortimore is seriously sick.

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## A GRAND POTATO CROP.

Dalhousie, Oct. 19.—(Special).—Restigouche and Bonaventure counties have this year the largest crop of potatoes ever known in these counties.

## MINSTREL TO BUY A CIRCUS.

**Al. G. Fields Will Take Over Forepaugh and Sells Show in a Few Days.**

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 19.—Al. G. Fields the minstrel, has corroborated the report that he is about to close a deal for the purchase of the Forepaugh and Sells circus. Fields said that had it not been for the sudden death of Peter Sells the deal would have been closed long ago.

Fields said that he and Sells had been intimate friends for 30 years, and that prior to his entry into the minstrel business, 20 years ago, he was manager for Sells for many seasons. He says that as the matter now stands there is a difference of \$25,000 between himself and the owners, but he hopes to overcome that.

The contract which has been drawn up says that the title must go to the show and that the entire circus must be delivered at the winter quarters in Columbus, O., on Nov. 23. When Fields was asked if he would give up the minstrel business, he said that he would continue with his minstrel company. Several of those now connected with the circus will attend to the management. Fields has associated with him in the enterprise Eli M. West and O. M. Evans of Columbus, O., and Charles S. Wood of North Adams, Mass.

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