

WHERE THE FARMERS' INTERESTS NOW LIE.

Upper Canada Papers Says No Anti-Reciprocity Candidate Should Get a Single Farmer's Vote—Reciprocity Purely a Business Matter—Borden's Foolish Tactics in Opposing Better Trade Relations Strongly Condemned by an Independent Paper—Golden Opportunity Is At Our Door.

No candidate opposed to Reciprocity should get a single vote from the farmers is the declaration of the Huntingdon Gleaner, in an editorial commenting upon the present political situation in the Dominion, and the declaration is a sane one. The Gleaner also says most emphatically that "Reciprocity is purely a business matter and ought not to be made a party question."

This Huntingdon paper, by the way, is not a strong supporter of the administration. As a matter of fact, it has criticised the government quite severely on more than one occasion, but it sees, as all fair-minded papers and men see, that this great question of better trade relations should be placed above party consideration.

The welfare of the nation is wrapped up in this question in a remarkable way. Golden opportunity lies ready to the grasp of the Canadian people. At such a time the man who for party purposes tries to prevent the seizing of the opportunity is not faithful to himself nor to his fellow-citizens. All over the Dominion are hundreds of men who might oppose the Ministry on many issues but will vote solidly in support of Laurier and the Larger Market, in favor of the policy of Letting the Farmer Have His Turn.

Here is the Gleaner's article:—"With the reassembling of the House it becomes apparent that an appeal to the electors was the only possible means of breaking the deadlock into which the business of the country had drifted. The faint hope that, when the House reassembled on the 18th July the Conservatives would accept the inevitable, by allowing a vote to be taken on the Reciprocity agreement was speedily dissipated. It was acknowledged, if a vote were taken, the agreement would be confirmed, but that vote stood off by talking against time. Day after day there was a flow of talk from the Opposition benches to prevent the motion they dreaded being put to the vote. This was not honest. The House is a deliberative body, and for any number of its members to club together to prevent the business of the country going on because they do not like a proposal favored by the majority, it copying the worst tactics designed by Parnell.

"The Conservatives lay claim to an exclusive loyalty, but they have adopted a policy of obstruction that is not loyal either in its origin or to the constitution. The situation in the Commons was an offer before the House from the United States to have free trade in farm products,

with one-third of the members determined by hook or crook to prevent its acceptance. Laurier appealed to the electors to decide whether those who favored reciprocity or those against it represent the sentiment of the country. The issue is definite, for the question put to each elector is, ARE YOU FOR RECIPROCITY? AND THE ANSWER MUST BE EITHER YES OR NO. It is to be regretted the issue should be thus narrowed to a single question, for it would have been preferable had Mr Borden allowed the vote on reciprocity to be taken and then forced dissolution on the general record of the Laurier administration. But by Mr Borden's tactics the Laurier Government does not go to the polls on its record. IT FACES THE ELECTORS FOR THE BEST ACT IT HAS DONE, THE NEGOTIATION OF A TREATY TO OPEN THE UNITED STATES' MARKET TO OUR FARMERS. THE 21ST OF SEPTEMBER WILL GIVE THE ANSWER OF THE FARMERS.

"The leaders of both parties have issued long addresses to the electors. That of Mr Borden is explanatory and apologetic. He does not wish the electors to consider reciprocity the sole issue and goes on to recall the misdeeds of the government.—WHAT IS THE SENSE OF SUCH TALK WHEN HE FORCED DISSOLUTION ON THE SINGLE ISSUE OF RECIPROCITY? His excuse for bringing on an election before redistribution is unworthy of him. He declares he advised the Government at the beginning of March to hasten the census so as to permit the passage of a redistribution bill. How could the Government fly in the face of the statute enacting that the census must be taken in June? By bringing on an election before the census returns are in, Mr Borden has disfranchised a million of newcomers in the West. Sir Wilfrid's address magnifies reciprocity and dilates on the obstructive courses of the Opposition in trying to prevent its acceptance.

"What is our own district of Beauharnois going to do in the coming election? THAT ITS FARMERS ARE AS NEAR A UNIT AS CAN BE IN FAVOR OF DROPPING THE BARS THAT KEEP OUT AMERICAN BUYERS FROM COMING IN TO BUY WHAT THEY HAVE TO SELL IS CERTAIN, AND NO CANDIDATE OPPOSED TO RECIPROCITY OUGHT TO GET A BALLOT FROM THEM.

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WOULD TRY TO AVOID RECIPROCITY ISSUE

CONSERVATIVES ARE TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM THE BIG ISSUE—THE SCANDAL-MONGERS AT WORK AGAIN—THEIR HOPELESS CAUSE.

It is more than passing strange that the Conservatives now are making strenuous and desperate efforts to evade the real issue before the country, says the Halifax Chronicle. For months past they clamored for the submission of the Reciprocity agreement to the people. They shouted in parliament and in their press, that the government were afraid to consult the country and that the one thing they themselves desired, above all others, was to have the question of Reciprocity presented squarely to the people for decision.

The government have taken them at their word. They have given the people the opportunity to record their verdict of approval or disapproval of the agreement. The opposition have been given exactly the opportunity which they pretended they wanted, and yet it is easy to see that they are grievously disappointed.

Instead of the zest for contest and the stern joy of battle which we might expect to have been exhibited in their comportment and demeanor, we find them bitterly complaining that the government has sprung an election on the country and is seeking to secure a snap verdict. They are making every possible effort to run away from the plain and simple issue which their own conduct forced upon the country.

They are, in fact, willing to fight upon anything but Reciprocity. They are doing their utmost to revive the old played-out "scandals" which they exploited so vigorously and with so little substantial result years ago. They are exhibiting, in their daily walk and conversation, that they are deeply afraid of the result of the appeal to the country, and in spite of all their boasting in parliament and out of it, for many months, they have made it quite plain that they really did not want a referendum on Reciprocity at all but, rather, dreaded it.

In short, they are trying to find some manner of excuse for the defeat which they know is going to overwhelm them on September 21st. Never has a political party in Canada given a more striking exhibition of panic inspired by cowardice. They themselves are furnishing the very best evidence that they have not the vestige of hope of winning.

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TORY FIGHT ON IN KENT COUNTY.

Big Squabble Over Question of Candidate—Powell Sent For to Straighten It Out.

Richibucto, Aug. 8.—The trouble in the Tory camp has reached a crisis and an emergency call, sent out, brought in a hurry H A Powell, R C Tait and all the local lights.

The situation is acute owing to the fact that Dr Laundry, Dr Bourque, F J Robitoux and Felix Michaud all want the nomination. It was a most unusual sight for church going people to witness politicians hurrying to R O'Leary's residence Sunday night. Members of the party were even brought out of church and automobiles rushed to different points to get the faithful into the Sunday night political conference.

Mr Powell, it is said, assured the immaculate coterie present that the Manufacturers' Association of Montreal and Toronto would finance the party, if an agreement could be reached on the selection of a candidate.

This only complicated matters, and Dr Laundry insisted on his claim being the strongest. The meeting did not adjourn until 1.30 a.m. The Tories are working to straighten out the tangle, but are having trouble a-plenty.

Ex-Sheriff Leger, the Liberal candidate, is making a great canvass and the only bets are on the size of the majority. The efforts of the Tories to prevent the farmers and fishermen of Kent from getting a better price for their products will meet with an answer on September 21 that will startle them.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD ON RECIPROCITY.

A Quotation from a Speech by The Great Conservative Chieftain.

Conservative papers in New Brunswick are much given to quoting from the editorial columns of the St John Globe. The Sentinel commends their attention and to the attention of its readers this extract from the Globe of August 7th:—

"Sir John A Macdonald, as well as most of the leading Conservatives of the country, held very pronounced views regarding the question of reciprocity, and did not fail to give expression to those views. Indeed, Sir John was surprised that anybody should hold a contrary opinion.—

Thus, in a discussion in parliament on a motion made by the present Sir Louis H Davies he said: 'I do not know any reason why the hon gentleman who moved this, or the seceder, laid before the House these elaborate statements to show the value of reciprocal trade, or trade of any kind, with the United States. That is admitted. That goes without saying. We all admit that it would be well that we had a large trade with the United States, rather than a small one; and I think Canada, as compared in her action with the action of the United States, has done everything that she could in order to secure that desirable object.'

"Sir John's views are the views of a large number of Conservatives throughout Canada, more especially in the Maritime Provinces."

WHAT LONDON TIMES THINKS OF LAURIER.

Great British Paper Pays High Tribute to Canada's Premier.

The London Times, in referring to Sir Wilfrid's presence at the Imperial Conference, recently said:—"Since Mr Chamberlain's retirement from the field Sir Wilfrid has become the doyen of Imperial statesmen, with a range of experience extending back to Mr Chamberlain's first great conference in 1897. For many years a distinguished and arresting figure upon the stage of Imperial politics, he approaches their chief problems with a many-sided knowledge and insight which no other Minister called to this year's discussions can hope to rival."

This is the comment of one of the greatest of British newspapers upon the man whom unscrupulous Conservatives have been branding as "disloyal," etc. etc.

Reciprocity will spell Added Prosperity for the Canadian people. That's why Mr F W G Haultain, the Conservative leader in Saskatchewan, and many other opponents of the government are in favor of the trade agreement.

The Tories say that it's disloyal for the Canadian farmer to sell and buy in the United States market. But it's all right for the Tory men of wealth to invest their money across the border.

Caution and Success is the watchword.

TOWN COUNCIL

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the council chamber Monday evening, present His Worship the Mayor, and Councillors Diblee, Gibson, Gallagher and Bailey.

The report of the Town Treasurer was read and referred to the finance and audit committee.

On motion of Coun Gallagher seconded by Coun Gibson, the monthly bills were referred to finance committee.

Coun Diblee said that Mr White who owns the land which the town uses as a dump, would like to have the place cleaned up. It is in bad shape, and if the town will not clean it Mr White is willing to do so and let it go on his taxes. Coun Diblee thought the council should take some step in the matter.

Coun Gallagher said the stone crusher had arrived and he would like to find out where it was to be placed and how it was going to be run. He thought electric power would be cheaper than steam and as it would take a month to get a motor here, the council should authorize the committee to order a 20 h.p. motor. A motor of this size will cost between \$300 and \$400 and can be operated for 20c per hour which would be cheaper than a steam engine and boiler.

Coun Diblee moved that the chairman of street committee find out just what a motor and oil switch will cost and report to the council Friday night. He said: we have the machines and as yet we have no place to put them or no rock to use. We should have had everything arranged so that when the machines arrived we could have gone to work at once. Where are we going to put the crusher and where are we going to get the rocks.

Coun Gallagher—Mr Upham has land at the lower end of the town which would be suitable and which the town can lease. We want to work the crusher and roller at the same time, and thus save handling the crushed rock a second time. We want to contract for our rock and have it hauled in the winter time and placed just where we want it.

Coun Diblee—We cannot get rock hauled at this time of year. We must get it done in the winter time, farmers are too busy now to haul rocks.

Coun Gallagher—Mr John Connor has tons of rock which we can get now, but I am told that the beach rock is the best obtainable, and we can get plenty of that along the shore and from the bar at the head of the Island. It would be a short haul and would save us from buying rock. We also might be able to hire an engine from some of the big railway contractors for the season's work. I think it would be a good idea to send the supt of streets and Coun Bailey to Houlton where they can see a stone crusher similar to ours at work, so that we can set up the machine ourselves.

Coun Bailey—We can set up the machine alright, but I think we should have a man who thoroughly understands the street work, one who will work the men ten hours a day and have the work done right.

Coun Gallagher—City Engineer Feeney of Fredericton has recommended Mr John Mavor as a competent man. He has had lots of experience and no doubt will be a valuable man. We must also have an engineer to lay off the streets and get the proper drainage.

Coun Gibson had a communication from Arthur Dunstan, who lives on the island, asking for an appointment as constable so that he could have authority to keep good order on the island.

Mr Alex Lindsay was heard before the board in reference to taxes on some of his property. He claimed that a house which he purchased for \$700 was assessed at \$1500. The house was old and the out buildings falling down. He would gladly sell the place for \$700 and did not think he should be assessed on \$1500.

On motion of Coun Diblee the finance committee were given power to take the matter up with the assessors.

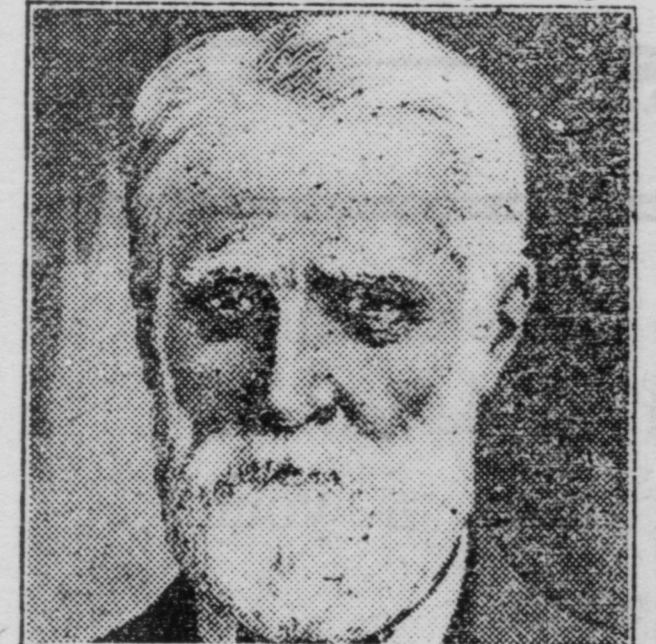
This matter started a lengthy discussion between the councillors as to the advisability of interfering in any way with the assessors and it was pointed out that very few, if any of the heavy rate-payers were ever assessed. If they were all they had to do was to make out a

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THE FARM STANDS FIRST

(Toronto Globe.)

The amount of misinformation that is being spread abroad throughout the country in connection with the reciprocity discussion is amazing. The blind are leading the blind on a thousand highways. Take the case of the Guelph Herald, which stated the other day that "the one article of farm produce of which there is more than the home market needs is wheat."

The Guelph Herald is a pretty decent paper. The man who wrote that statement probably believes it. He would not feel comfortable were he presenting to the readers of The Herald what he knew to be untrue. But it seems incredible that a man writing in Guelph, in the heart of a stock raising and dairying region, with a famous Agricultural College library within reach, should know so little of the conditions of farming as to tell his readers that "the one article of farm produce of which there is more than the home market needs is wheat."

Were Canada's exports of farm products confined to wheat the grass would be growing in the street of Guelph, and the editor of The Herald would be in full flight toward a land of greater opportunity. The very foundation stone of Canada's prosperity is its export of farm produce. Great Britain has taken over a hundred and ten million dollars' worth of Canadian cheese in the past five years. Of animals and their produce, a classification which has nothing at all to do with wheat, the United States took almost forty million dollars worth in the same period. Here are the chief items of imports and exports of farm produce in the year ending March 31, 1910, as taken from the Trade and Commerce report. The exports are in each case Canadian produce:

	Exports	Imports
Living animals	12,077,071	\$3,118,217
Grain of all sorts	\$6,750,381	17,698,534
Flour and other		

(Canadian Press)

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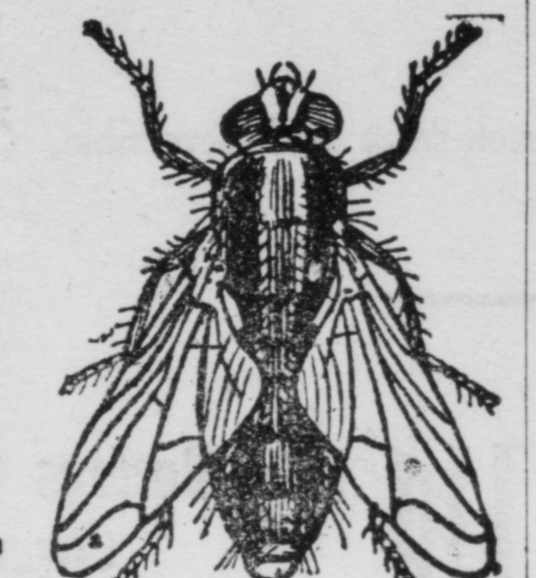
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