

# The Catechism of Reciprocity

**Pertinent Questions and Conclusive Answers--The Attitude of Conservative Leaders in the Past--Where Anti-Reciprocity Arguments Contradict One Another**

Q. What is the meaning of the word reciprocity?

A. It means give and take on a basis of equality.

Q. What does it mean as between nations?

A. It means the exchange of commodities on equal terms.

Q. What does it mean as between Canada and the United States in connection with what is called the Fielding-Taft agreement?

A. It means a lowering in both countries of the tariff duties heretofore collected on many commodities, and the placing upon the free list of a large number of "natural products."

Q. Have both countries made precisely the same reductions in the tariff rates?

A. They have reduced the items in question to the same rate, but this has meant a much greater cut in the case of the United States of Canada, because the American tariff rate was higher in nearly every instance.

Q. How does the question of the agreement now stand in the United States?

A. It is no longer a question there. The reciprocity bill was passed by congress and senate by large majorities and was formally signed by the president on July 26.

Q. How does the question stand in Canada?

A. It is awaiting the ratification of the House of Commons.

Q. Why has that ratification not been given?

A. Because the Conservative party in the house have, by obstructive methods, prevented the question from coming to a vote.

Q. Why has this been permitted by a government which enjoyed a large majority in the chamber?

A. Because there is no provision in the rules of parliament to enable the government to prevent deliberate waste of time in this way.

Q. What action has the government taken?

A. It has dissolved the house, and brought on a general election.

Q. What does that mean?

A. It means that the question of accepting or rejecting the reciprocity agreement is now up to the voters of Canada.

Q. Reciprocity, then, is the chief issue to be discussed in the present campaign?

A. It is. It is practically the only issue.

Q. Will the discussion proceed up on strictly party lines?

A. No; a great many Conservatives are in favor of the measure and some Liberals are against it.

Q. What arguments are used by its opponents?

A. Chiefly two: (1) That reciprocity will lead to annexation, and (2) that it will prove injurious to the business interests of Canada.

Q. As to the first argument, upon what basis does it rest?

A. On the basis that greater freedom of intercourse with our neighbors will tend to weaken our allegiance to Great Britain.

Q. Would this result be probable if that intercourse should prove unprofitable?

A. No.

Q. Is it, then, assumed by its opponents that reciprocity will prove profitable to Canada?

A. No; quite the contrary.

Q. Do they allege that Canadians will be disposed toward annexation because they will find reciprocity unprofitable from a business standpoint?

A. That is what they seem to mean.

Q. Is the agreement in form a treaty for a specified term, which must be adhered to whether profitable or not?

A. No; it is merely a mutual understanding which either party is at liberty to terminate at any time.

Q. Why, then, should Canadians think of annexation because, upon trial, they were dissatisfied with re-

ciprocify?

A. No reason can be given, if they did not like it they could repeal it.

Q. Why should they be disposed toward annexation if the agreement proved a great boon to their country?

A. Because annexation would give them American political institutions as well as the American market.

Q. Do they prefer American institutions to their own?

A. Decidedly not.

Q. Why would they change their minds?

A. I do not know.

Q. What is the basis for the second argument, viz., that reciprocity will prove injurious to the business interests of Canada?

A. It is based on the assertion that the great increase in the importation of American goods will seriously injure our domestic manufacturing establishments.

Q. Does the reciprocity agreement provide for a lowering of the Canadian tariff on manufactured goods?

A. No; excepting in the case of agricultural implements and prepared meats.

Q. Are these reductions great?

A. No; very slight.

Q. Are the establishments affected able to stand the reduction?

A. They make millions of profits every year.

Q. Is the reduction likely to hurt them at all?

A. No; free access to the American market will undoubtedly add to their business.

Q. If general manufacturing establishments are not concerned in the proposed reductions of duty at all, why should they be disturbed?

A. Because they may fear that this slight taste of lower duties may lead to a demand for a general reduction of the tariff.

Q. Can you reconcile this with the idea that the reciprocity agreement will prove an injury to the people of Canada?

A. No; the two ideas cannot be reconciled.

Q. Is the American market worth much to Canadian producers?

A. It is a market of 90,000,000 of perhaps the best customers in the world.

Q. Is an extensive free list of natural products worth much to the Canadian householder and the citizens in general?

A. It means simply an addition to the purchasing power of their wages.

Q. Have Canadian statesmen of the past taken the view that reciprocity in natural products with the United States would be a good thing for Canada?

A. They have; leaders of both parties have striven with all their might to secure a reciprocity treaty, since the abrogation of the one which ceased in 1866.

Q. Can you give the names of any of these statesmen?

A. Among Conservative leaders I would name Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir A. T. Galt, Sir John Thompson, Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Leonard Tilley.

Q. Were any of these men suspected of disloyalty to British institutions?

A. No; they were all regarded as eminently loyal.

Q. Yet they strove to secure reciprocity with the United States?

A. Yes; used every possible endeavor.

Q. Was the Conservative party in general favorable to such a measure?

A. Yes; Sir John A. Macdonald, as their leader, declared for "reciprocity of trade or reciprocity of tariffs," and they supported him to a man.

Q. If Sir John Macdonald were alive today and wished to vote in the coming election consistently with his party's record and his own oft-repeated opinions on reciprocity, how would he cast his ballot?

A. He would be obliged to vote for Laurier and Larger Markets!

## THE MOST DANGEROUS GAME EVER PLAYED IN THE DOMINION.

**Conservative Leaders Helping the Organization of a Clique That May Bring Grave National Peril--Borden and His Colleagues Are Helping the Un-British Bourassa Who Says Laurier is "Too English"--An Effort to Stir Up Racial Discord Which May Strike a Blow at Canadian Foundations.**

(London Spectator.)

IT IS CHILDISH TO SAY TO CANADIANS THAT IF THEY AND AMERICANS BOTH BECOME RICHER THROUGH NEW OPPORTUNITIES OF TRADING WITH EACH OTHER, CANADA WILL BE GUILTY OF A DISLOYAL ACT TO GREAT BRITAIN. THERE IS NO ESCAPING THE SIMPLE FACT THAT, AFTER ALL, THE PROPOSED RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT IS AN INSTRUMENT BETWEEN THE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT OF WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA. ALONG THE THREE THOUSAND MILES OF FRONTIER BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN A CHINESE WALL. THE RECIPROCAL PRESSURE OF HUMAN CONVENIENCE AND HUMAN WANTS BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES SPEAKING THE SAME LANGUAGE WOULD REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF THE WALL SOONER OR LATER. IF CANADIANS YIELD TO THE MIGHTY AND POTENT FACTS OF GEOGRAPHY AND SAY THAT THE WALL SHALL GO SOONER, RATHER THAN LATER, WE HAVE NO RIGHT WHATEVER TO SAY THEM NAY."

The leaders of the Conservative party are at this moment playing the most dangerous game ever played in Canadian politics. Indirectly, and directly, too, they are co-operating in the organization of a French Canadian party which, were it effective, would work not only political mischief, but the gravest national peril. Conservative leaders have joined hands with Mr. Bourassa. They not only discourage opposition to him and his campaign from their own ranks, but positively and publicly they give him and his allies their sympathy and support, says an exchange. He would not to-day be a factor in Canadian politics were it not for encouragement given to him by leaders and journals of the Conservative party.

The thing the Conservatives and Nationalist leaders have in common is the determination at all costs to break the power of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Quebec. On the question of the navy and on questions of Canada's relation to Britain the declarations of Mr. Bourassa are fiercely anti-Imperialistic.

And yet Conservative leaders welcome into Canadian political activity this disunionist. They encourage him to scatter firebrands among the inflammable materials of ignorance and prejudice and suspicion. As though it were not enough to breed bigotry and sectionalism among the men of Ontario, for months past work has been going on--for the most part in secret--deliberately seeking to awaken and organize the religious fears and racial animosities of the French-speaking people of Quebec.

But what does it mean? If it succeeds what will it involve? How can the races in Canada be united and the life of Canada be made positive and potent if, after all these years of patient co-operation of earnest and high-minded Canadians of all races and parties, this reckless and ambitious firebrand is encouraged to destroy the national fabric?

This is indeed a serious national situation. Industry may flourish, trade and commerce may expand, great transportation routes may be established throughout Canada and across the seas, all the framework of a great nation may be available in abundance, but there can be for Canada no national future, no prestige in the Empire, and no worthy part among the nations of the world if there is not harmony and confidence among the races and creeds and classes composing the Canadian population and a dignified and inspiring resolve to prove worthy of the place of premier nation among the over-seas dominions of the greatest Imperial alliance of free nations history has known. At such harmony and confidence the present alliance of Borden and Bourassa aims a deadly blow.

So Honorable Clifford Sifton is to come to Woodstock to wave the flag a bit and talk about Canada losing her fiscal independence when Reciprocity goes through. Clifford used to be in favor of freer trade between Canada and other countries but now that he's got into the millionaire class he shudders lest the poor farmer be led into disloyalty by dealing with a good customer living under another flag. Isn't he the funny cuss?

### BUSINESS MEN SAY RECIPROCITY WILL BE CARRIED

**Canners' Association Believes Reciprocity Will Sweep Canada--What This Body of Business Men Say Officially.**

The Canners' Association of Ontario has sent to the trade a circular advising its members that as "the Reciprocity between Canada and the United States will very probably be approved by the electorate on Sept. 21 next at the general elections, it is of the greatest importance that wholesale merchants should now secure full supplies of canned beans and peas."

"BECAUSE AT THE SESSION WHICH WILL FOLLOW THE ELECTION SIR WILFRID LAURIER, RETURNED TO POWER, will not fail to have the agreement ratified by Parliament, and this will mean an increase in the price of beans and peas."

These men are talking business, and are likely to take a more impartial view than politicians on either side. They say that Reciprocity is going to win.

### QUEBEC TRAVELLER SAYS RECIPROCITY VERY POPULAR.

An Upper Canadian commercial traveller who was in town last week told The Sentinel that so far as he could judge Reciprocity will carry the day in the Maritime Provinces and in Quebec--the territory which he travels. In Quebec, he said, Mr. Bourassa's attacks on things British and his evident bitter and unreasonable enmity towards Sir Wilfrid Laurier are defeating his own object. In the traveller's opinion the Maritime Provinces will go stronger for the government than ever before. In Montreal, he further said, the feeling is that the government will come back with a bigger majority than ever simply because so many Conservatives are still standing by the policy which they supported for so many years as a party measure even though to-day that policy has been deserted by their former leaders.

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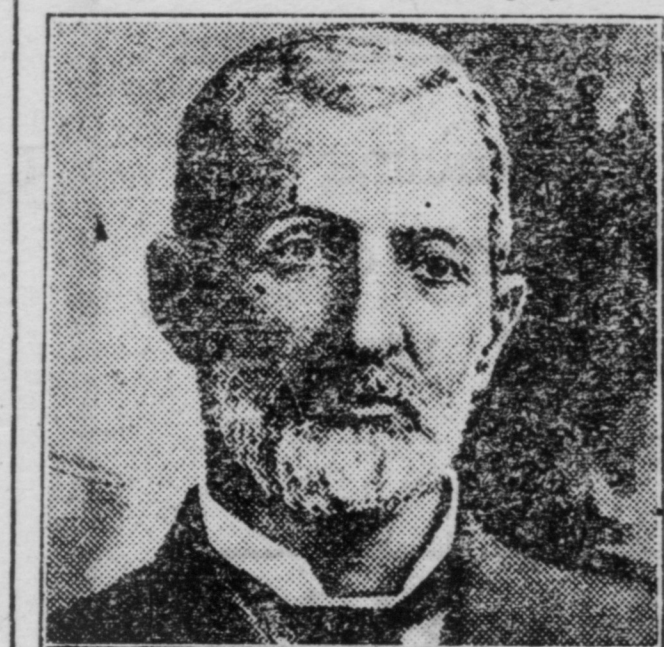
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When a man tells you that the Reciprocity pact is a treaty that must be kept in force so many years just ask him to get you the copy of the official documents making up the pact and then read it through yourself. If you do that you'll know how he tried to deceive you.

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