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ABOUT POTATOES.

Under the terms of the Wilson-Underwood tariff, potatoes are admitted to the United States free of duty from any country which has no duty on American potatoes. At the present time, American potatoes are subject to a customs tax of 20c. per bushel so the Canadian product is denied free access to the American market. In order to change this condition and obtain advantages both for the Canadian producer and the Canadian consumer a resolution was offered in the Commons on April 28th by Mr. W. S. Loggie, the Liberal member for Northumberland, N. B., providing for the abolition of the Canadian duty as soon as the United States raises the present embargo maintained against Canadian potatoes on the score that in some cases they are diseased.

Some striking facts were brought out in support of the resolution. It was shown, for instance, that last autumn immediately on the reduction of the American duty on potatoes from 25 cents per bushel to 10 per cent, there was a great increase in the export of Canadian potatoes across the line. From New Brunswick alone in October, November and December, 1913, there were shipped to the United States 650,753 bushels of potatoes valued at \$270,000. The New Brunswick farmers profited through the sales but their profits were decreased by \$27,000 the amount collected in duty by the United States. Had the Canadian duty been non-existent, then, under the Wilson-Underwood tariff, there would have been no American duty on potatoes and the New Brunswick farmers, not the United States treasury, would have had the \$27,000, or most of it.

So far as the Canadian consumer is concerned, it was pointed out that at certain seasons—before Canadian potatoes are ready for the table—potatoes are imported from the United States. For example, during a period of four months in 1912-13—chiefly in June, July and August—Canada imported United States potatoes to the value of \$356,702. On these imports the Canadian Government collected a duty totalling \$83,167 and the cost of the potatoes to the Canadian consumer was increased by this large amount. It was increased even more because, under tariff protection, the merchant collects his percentage of profit not only upon the cost of the article but upon the duty imposed as well.

Under the Liberal proposal the Canadian potato growers would have a wider market for their product and would gain their full profit, not merely the profit less the amount of a duty collected by a foreign government, and the Canadian consumer when they buy United States potatoes at certain seasons would not have their price increased by a needless duty and a percentage of profit, on that duty. Despite these facts, the Borden majority wedded to trade restriction rejected Mr. Loggie's motion by a vote of 60 to 33.

A CLEAN TOWN.

The suggestion to clean up the town should receive the approval and the co-operation of every person who is fortunate enough to own a building or a piece of land. Every person should enter into the spirit of the thing, else the work will be superficial and the results transitory. If a little clearing is done every day, if residents take pride in the appearance of their property, there will come a state of habitual cleanliness that will mean a great deal.

The town authorities should remember that the side streets need attention as well as the main thoroughfares. Good clothes over dirty linen are not the mark of a gentleman, neither are clean main streets with rubbish filled lots and unkept side streets the mark of a town that is possessed of a real feeling of civic pride.

There should be created a common feeling that the street is not the proper place to throw pieces of paper, no matter how small they may be. The town has placed rubbish cans in central places and these should be used. It isn't a difficult task to hold the wrapper of a piece of chewing gum in one's hand until a can is reached, if one feels that one must chew gum on the streets. A little thoughtfulness will result in a big gain in general appearance.

If we have a cleaner town we will have a more attractive one and one of greater attention to the visitor. Will not every man, woman and child join to keep Woodstock picked up and presentable?

"Too many merchants look upon putting an advertisement in their local newspapers as patronizing the paper. They should actually consider that it is a privilege to have a local newspaper in which they can advertise. The parcel post is said to be the means of increasing the business of the mail order concerns. No sympathy or sentiment should be wasted on small town merchants who complain about the mail order concerns but persistently refuse to let the buying public know what they have to offer. There is a lot of good ink wasted on the future of the merchants in many towns. They have a decided advantage over the mail order houses but they must improve their opportunities. They have to go after business and the best possible way is through the local newspapers. The small town merchant who advertises in the right way will not be 'put off the map' by the mail order houses."

"Farm Values in New Brunswick" is an attractive booklet that has been published by Mr. A. D. Holyoke setting forth the claim of the St. John Valley to be considered by those who are contemplating the purchase of a farm. Mr. Holyoke truly states that it is the "land of profitable farms and comfortable homes." The booklet contains many striking scenes of productive farms along the river together with illustrations of the town of Woodstock, its schools and points of interest in Carleton County. It is a very valuable book for intending settlers and cannot help but have a vital influence in solving the problem of where to buy the most profitable farm.

There is a special reason why we should do cleaning and painting. In August we are to have an event that will bring hundreds of strangers to Woodstock. The Maritime Convention of the I. O. O. F. will be held, and with it many people who have never seen Woodstock will have their first opportunity to judge of the town.

Will we be ready for them? It is "up to" every citizen to see that his own particular residence is as neat and clean and attractive as he can make it.

That wonderful "home marker" that gave the farmers \$1.80 a barrel for potatoes, lasted only one day. Dealers here have received instructions not to ship as the "yards are full of unsold stock—and will not require more until new ones come in. It will be a good thing for the Tory party if the Gleaner and Standard could produce some arguments in reference to the potato situation that would stand for more than a combination of ink and paper.

There is but one practical solution of the high cost of living, and that is to raise your own produce. The home garden in a great measure will do it and do it effectively. And those who are so situated that they can raise their own poultry and eggs, milk and butter, and a pig or two for winter's meat, with a change now and then from pork to poultry, may be said to be directly on the line of independence, with every cause of the high cost of living completely blocked.

The Sentinel hopes that the citizens realize and appreciate the good work that is being done for the blind. It is a noble work and one that should command the support of every single one who has eyes to see. Put yourself in the place of the blind person and think what your feelings would be were you doomed to such an estate. Can any man or woman withhold his or her support from such a work?

After the government has followed the very course Mr. Carvell proposed in connection with the Valley railway bridges, the Standard assails Mr. Carvell. It seems to overlook the fact that by so doing it is condemning Mr. Hazen for taking Mr. Carvell's advice. The Standard and its friends will hear more from Mr. Carvell presently.—Telegraph.

"Justice" builds up a nice little structure on the omission of the delinquent tax list from the Sentinel last week. It is a pity to pull the props out from under, but the section was inadvertently omitted and appears in today's issue.

While the publication, in the local papers, of the delinquent taxpayers is commanding attention the public would appreciate a statement relative to the returns resulting from this great stroke of statesmanship.

Along with the home garden as a factor in increasing the family income belongs the hen coop filled with industrious birds.

The sympathy of a large circle of friends goes out to Hon. William Pugsley in the death of his estimable wife.

The old suggestion is again in order—PAINT THE TOWN HALL.

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