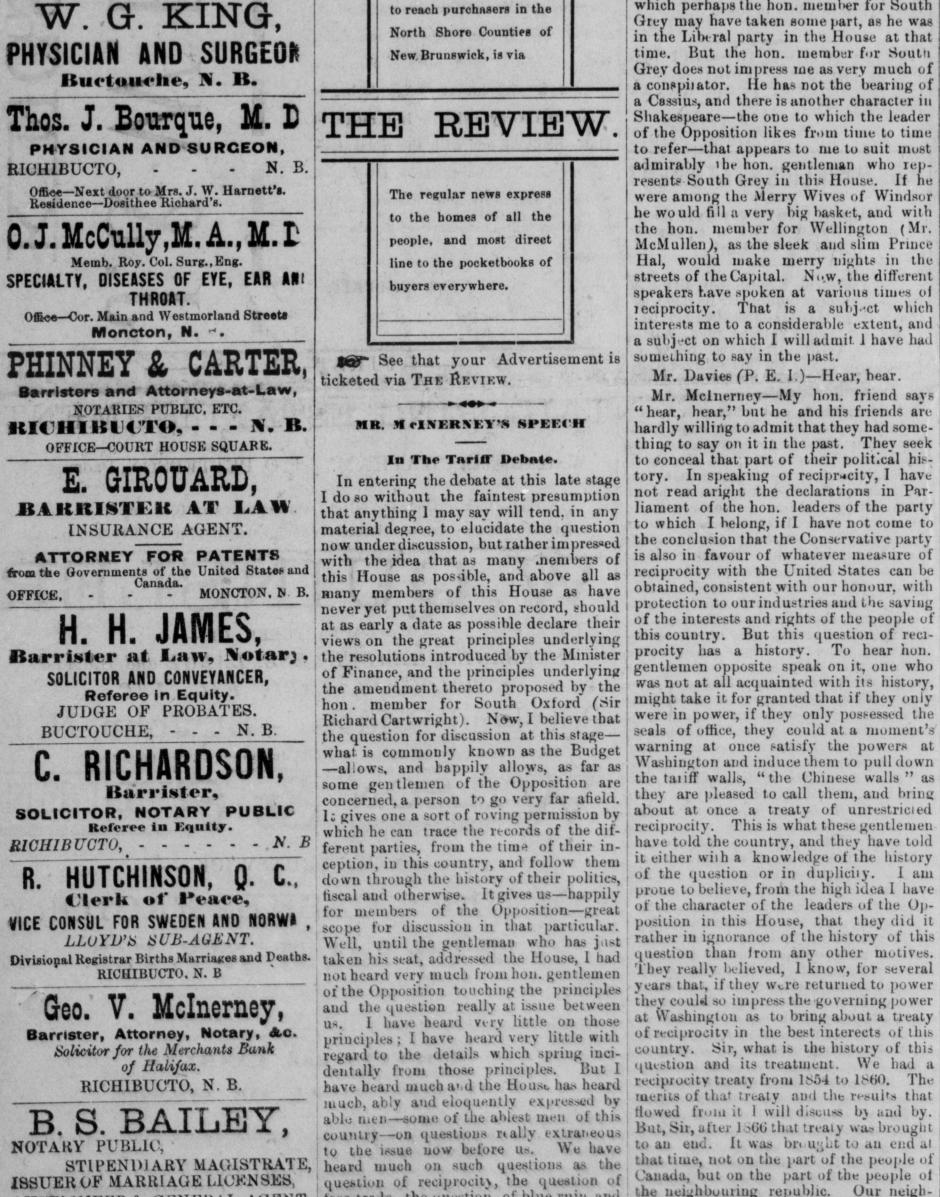
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streets of the Capital. Now, the different Provinces. something to say in the past.

Mr. Davies (P. E. I.)-Hear, hear.

Mr. McInerney-My hon. friend says "hear, hear," but he and his friends are hardly willing to admit that they had something to say on it in the past. They seek to conceal that part of their political history. In speaking of recipracity, I have not read aright the declarations in Parliament of the hon. leaders of the party to which I belong, if I have not come to the conclusion that the Conservative party is also in favour of whatever measure of reciprocity with the United States can be obtained, consistent with our honour, with protection to our industries and the saving of the interests and rights of the people of this country. But this question of reciprocity has a history. To hear hon. gentlemen opposite speak on it, one who was not at all acquainted with its history, might take it for granted that if they only were in power, if they only possessed the seals of office, they could at a moment's warning at once satisfy the powers at Washington and induce them to pull down the tariff walls, "the Chinese walls" as they are pleased to call them, and bring about at once a treaty of unrestricted reciprocity. This is what these gentlemenhave told the country, and they have told it either with a knowledge of the history of the question or in duplicity. I am prone to believe, from the high idea I have of the character of the leaders of the Opposition in this House, that they did it rather in ignorance of the history of this question than from any other motives. They really believed, I know, for several years that, if they were returned to power they could so impress the governing power at Washington as to bring about a treaty of reciprocity in the best interects of this country. Sir, what is the history of this question and its treatment. We had a reciprocity treaty from 1854 to 1860. The merits of that treaty and the results that flowed from it I will discuss by and by. But, Sir, after 1866 that treaty was brought to the issue now before us. We have to an end. It was brought to an end at the neighbouring republic. Our neighbours came to the conclusion that it was in their interests to have that treaty in force no longer. But, above all things, I claim this-I claim it fairly before the people of this country, I claim it fearlessly in this House-that the sentiment that, above all others, actuated the people of the United States in the abrogation of that treaty, was a sentiment of unfriendliness to the people of this country was an attempt, continued from that day to this, to force the hands of the people of this country in such a way as to drive them into political union with the republic which lies to the south of us. That, Sir, I believe was the idea in the minds of the Opposition side say hear, hear. The facts American people in 1866, when the Reci- are fresh in everybody's mind. And, procity Treaty of 1864 was abrogated. having heard the hon. member for Queen's, But, Sir, it must be remembered that in P. E. I. (Mr. Davies), in various places 1866, I think, immediately after the abro- and at various times declare that the hon. gation of the treaty, Hon. Alexander Galt, Minister of Finance had not made any afterwards Sir Alexander Galt, and Mr. such offer as he stated in Parliament he Howland, accompanied by delegates, both | had made, it was an extreme delight to me from New Brunswick and Nova Scotis, to hear the Finance Minister last session, went to Washington for the purpose of in making his closing speech on the Budget, grave. Why they were altogether un-aware, they seemed to pass by the appeal endeavoring to bring about a reciprocity I think it was, prove to any unbiassed very extensive quotation-a misapplica negotiations for a reciprocity treaty ; and in public and in private by the Minister of finest features of agricultural life that the

it said that there was some conspiracy, in an electoral campaign is on hand, these against them the skill and capital and es- sending them to other markets. That is which perhaps the hon. member for South gentlemen still proclaim the glorious tablished manufactories of the upper what this happy necessity has done for him Grey may have taken some part, as he was results which they say will flow from un- provinces, and who will make use of this for some years past; it has forced him to in the Liberal party in the House at that restricted reciprocity. Now what was the argument against this union even to the make a factory of his farm, it has forced time. But the hon. member for South proposal of Hon. George Brown in 1884? present day, cannot see the conclusion that him to turn the raw material on that farm Grey does not impress me as very much of He was sent to Washington by the Liberal must be forced upon them, if they would into a manufactured article. A factory is a conspirator. He has not the bearing of party on a mission of reciprocity. The accept unrestricted reciprocity with the set up on almost every farm all through a Cassius, and there is another character in proposal he made was a very wide and United States. In such a case they would this country. Everybody knows the Shakespeare-the one to which the leader generous one; it was of such a liberal be thrown practically into competition proud position our farmers have taken in of the Opposition likes from time to time character that it called forth some un- with sixty millions of people with un- foreign markets in regard to cheese and to refer-that appears to me to suit most favourable comment from the press in limited capital, with the greatest skill of butter. Why, Sir, I say it with some deadmirably the hon. gentleman who rep- Canada The following is & summary of any people in the world and with manu- gree of pride, though not a sectionalist in resents South Grey in this House. If he the propositions, and, in order that I may factories that have been established and any sense of the word, that the county were among the Merry Wives of Windsor not be accused of quoting from documents kept up by over forty years of protection. from which I come had the honour, alhe would fill a very big basket, and with too unfavourable to gentlemen on the But in connection with this question of though a factory had only been established the hon. member for Wellington (Mr. other side, I will say that this is taken reciprocity, what strikes me again as pe- there for the short space of eighteen McMullen), as the sleek and slim Prince from the St. John 'Daily Telegraph,' one culiar is that while the party in power is months, of carrying off the gold medal as Hal, would make merry nights in the of their principal organs in the Maritime charged with not obtaining reciprocity the highest award for butter at the Chicago

speakers have spoken at various times of The proposition was that for 21 years men opposite, when their party was in for a county in which the dairying business reciprocity. That is a subject which there should be a free exchange in animals power, from 1873 to 1878, were also un- had only been established for a short time. interests me to a considerable extent, and and their products, in the products of the able to obtain reciprocity for this country. Sir, I say without fear of contradiction, it a subject on which I will admit I have had farm, the forest, the mine and the sea. In How can they blame the party in power has been pressed on my own mind by addition the following articles were to be for not obtaining it when they themselves reasoning out the matter, by observing the struck from the dutiable list of both were unable to obtain it during the five course of events, and the results of our countries : agricultural implements, axles, years they were in power, when they sent tariff position the last few years, that the boots and shoes, cottons, furniture all the ablest diplomatists in their ranks- farmer of Canada, by the simple fact that kinds of vehicles, iron and ironware, lead, and I say this without wishing to dispar- he could not get his naw products into the leather, machines, paper, type, presses, age the other able men they had-when markets of the United States, has risen to railroad cars, steel, tin, and tweeds. they sent the ablest men that ever belong- a higher plane, has become a better man Further, the Atlantic fisheries were to be ed to the Liberal party in this country, to and more self-reliant than he was at the open to the United States without money negotiate for such a treaty? Why did time when he could sell his raw products compensation : reciprocal coasting was to they fall at that time? And why having in the markets of the United States. I be granted ; the Canadian canals were to failed when they were in power, do they make that proposition, and I say that it be enlarged so as to admit vessels 260 feet now attempt to make capital against this may not be altogether an unfortunate in length; the Canadian and American Government and this party because they thing for the farmer of this country if he canals were to be free to the vessels of have failed in doing so? What were the is not able to get his raw products across both nations; vessels of all kinds built in reasons given in 1866 and 1874 by the the border free of duty, for that will eneither country were to be entitled to regis- Americans against entering into a treaty able him to turn his attention to other try in both countries; and both countries of reciprocity with Canada? They claim- more essential matters which he has were to unite in deepening the Lake St. ed that their national debt was so high, neglected in the past. Now, hon, gentle-Clair channel, in lighting the waterways, that they had to raise such a tremendous men opposite, from time to time, maintain and in propagating the fish.

Well, Sir, these propositions were not terest on that debt, that they could not they claim it would be a good thing for adopted ; they were not favourably re- afford even to allow the products of Can- Canada. Now, it is necessary that they garded by the people of the United States. ada to go into that country without pay- should show how it would be a good thing In 1877, while the party now in Opposition ing a duty. Well, Sir, let us face his for Canada. Putting out of the question were ruling this country, in the Dominion question manfully and honestly, and if it altogether, if you will, that grand and Board of Trade, a motion was presented, is necessary to bury it, let us bury it out dominating idea, the Imperial idea, putting I think, by the late lamented Thomas of sight now and forever Sir, I cannot out of the question, if you wish, the White, asking the Government of that day understand why a reason that was good honour of the people of this country, putto go down to Washington and endeavour in 1874 should not be just as good in 1894; ting out of the question, if you will, the to negotiate a reciprocity treaty in the for we know that the American Govern- barren idea, as some people call the sentiinterests of the people of this country. ment since that time have, by the exten- ment of nationality, that is growing strong Well, Sir, nothing ever came of it. As sive additions to their pension list, added and sturdy in the breasts of our peoplesoon as the party of hon. gentlemen op- largely to the current expenses of the putting that altogether aside for one posite went out of power, and from that Government of that country; and their moment, I wish to ask hon gentlemen if day down to the present, at different times revenue, everybody knows it who reads, they can prove to this House and to this at various stages in the history of the is not nearly so buoyant, is not nearly country that this matter of reciprocity is question, the party now in power has made so great, as it was in 1874. Therefore one that would be to the material advanefforts in favour of a reasonable, a large that less buoyant revenue, that tage of the people of this country, that and generous measure of reciprocity. And larger expenditure, much larger by would be to the economical advantage of the additions to their pension list, the people of Canada. I fail to see it, and they have failed. An hon. member. No, no.

Mr. Mcinerney. I hear somebody say now, much more strongly than they did that I am unwilling to accept that con-"no." Sir, I have fresh in my mind the in 1874: We want so much money to run clusion. Why? We have heard much in reading of a celebrated debate that took this Government, we must have it off the past from hon. gentlemen opposite of place in this House Hon. gentlemen in Canadian products the same as we have it the argument, that when it is shown that Opposition in this House endeavoured to off other countries in the world. Now, the imports of the country exceeded the draw from the remark of Sir Charles Sir, I have heard considerable discussion exports, the country cannot be prosperous, Tupper the declaration that he had at over the Wilson Bill that is now before The balance of trade argument has been Washington offered to make a treaty of the United States Congress. Some of the used against this Administration from time . narestricted reciprocity. And I remember farmers in this country seem to think that to time by the hon. gentlemen of the reading that Sir Charles Tupper declared they are going to receive great benefits Opposition. that his offer was not an offer of unre- from the Wilson Bill if its various pro- Mr. Gillmor-No.

stricted reciprocity, but an unrestricted visions are crystallized into law. I have Mr. McInerney-If that argument has

with the United States, the hon. gentle- Exhibition. Now, that was a grand thing

revenue for the purpose of paying the in- that reciprocity can be easily obtained, and

have placed them in a position of saying until it is proved to me, I must confess

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its consideration, the question of extravagance of this Government, the question of combines, and lastly we have heard them dilate, as they know how, having had much practice in that particular and that being particularly and almost exclusively their cry throughout the country-we have heard them dilate particularly on the extravagances and scandals of this Government. Why, Mr. Speaker, the party of my hon. friends lives on scandals and like the worm, it takes its colour from what it feeds on. But not content with speaking on reciprocity, and on these questions I have alluded to, some of the hon. gentlemen-particularly the hon. member for South Grey (Mr. Landerkin), and the hon. member for South Oxford ir Richard Cartwright)-even went so tar as to roam into the fields of poetry, and the way in which they quoted, varodied and misapplied Shakespeare was sufficient, in my mind, to make the bones of the great bard of Avon turn in their written on the stone slab above the dust of that great man-and they were not afraid to move his bones. Now, the hon

offer of reciprocity; and he could not my doubts about that. I admit that it not been used by the hon, gentleman from understand the intelligence of the man might be a good thing for this country to Charlotte (Mr. Gillmor), he is an honourwho could not see the difference between have the 5 cents duty taken off eggs which able exception to the Opposition in this the farmers send into the United States ; respect, and in many other respects. these two.

An hon. member.-Nobody could see it. it might be a good thing for this country Mr. Laurier-No. Mr. McInerney.-Nobody could see it? perhaps, if the duty on potatoes were Mr. McInerney.-He is an honest free None are so blind as those who will not see. Now, not very long ago, and since the offer made by Sir Charles Tupper, the present Minister of Finance, with a deputa-tion went to Washington and made an offer of reciprocity to the Government at Washington. Several members—Hear, hear. brought down train 25 to 15 cents a bushel, I admit that it might be a good thing for our farmers if the duty should be lowered on various other articles that they are able to export into the trait of States. But the events of the last few years have proved one thing conclusively to my mind and that is that it is not for the ultimate good of the Canadian farmer that the raw pro-None are so blind as those who will not brought down tr an 25 on 15 conts a bushel; tracter, and you are not. The hon mem-

Mr. McInerney-My hon, friends on the satisfied.

of the Canadian farmer that the raw pro-ducts of his farm should go freely into the but 1 am quoting ligar is from a speech from day to day to keep him, is generally

Some hon. members-Hear, hear.

treaty. But in their negotiation they mind the truth of the assertions he had "Hear, hear"-in derision, I suppose. It to 1866, inclusive, the balance of trade ailed. Then, Sir, in 1869, three years previously made. I felt, Sir, from his is one of the finest traits, it is one of the against Canada, or rather against the atterwards, Sir John Ross went to Wash- declarations then, I know from his declara- finest incidents of agricultural life, that a British North American provinces, because member for South Grey treated us to a ington in a like manner to enter into tions from time to time, declarations made man is satisfied with little ; it is one of the at that time we had no Canada such as we

United States market. The farmer is a deliver day Hon. Be jamin Butterworth peculiar being. With bim, sufficient unto on Onto, in the House at Representatives, the day are the evils thereof. Far be it in May, 1890. At that time Mr. Butterfrom me to say anything derogatory to worth, who was a colleague of Mr. Mctheir intelliger ce, but I say that the farmer Kinley then representing Ohio, had moved of this country, if he can raise enough a reciprocity resolution in amendment to the McKinley Bill, and it, was to back up his preposition, to endorse and support it, that he gave the figures I am quoting. Mr. McInerney-Hon. gentlemen say We find from these figures that from 1854

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