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P. E. I. PRODUCE DEALER DISCUSSES NEW TARIFF

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 23.—The P. E. Island farmers are naturally greatly interested in the prospective effects of the operation of the new American tariff. Every farmer is a potato grower, and almost everyone an exporter of potatoes. Among the largest shippers is Captain Joseph Read of Summerside. He handles large quantities every spring and fall.

Captain Read says that at this moment there is an embargo on the shipping of potatoes from other countries into the States which is likely to be maintained this year at any rate. This will offset the countervailing duty on potatoes against Canada and he looks for a large export of potatoes to the states if our crop can be saved in good condition. It has been raining almost continually for more than a week and this has interfered with potato digging which

would have been quite general had the weather permitted.

The captain contended that the island is not yet feeling the effects of revision, for several reasons. Maine has an immense crop, more than it can house and cellar. The farmers there, anticipating a Canadian influx of potatoes virtually commandeered all railway cars obtainable and rushed forward train land upon train load into the distribution market. On one day last week 400 loaded cars stood on the Boston tracks at once. Bad weather interfered with the distribution and the markets slumped.

The completion of tariff revision synchronized with potato digging in the New England States. This helped the farmers there; moreover the old duties will have to be paid till the new indexes are prepared and put in the hands of the collectors. This will take more than a week. Of course

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Commenting upon the absence of warships and armed men along the boundary between Canada and the United States, the Philadelphia North American published a remarkable article, well worthy of being quoted at considerable length.

"Perhaps history does not present such another case," says the writer, "of two peoples under separate sovereignties, with no purpose or design of governmental unity or even of formal treaty, and yet with so universal a feeling of oneness. No American holds a Canadian to be a foreigner. No Canadian looks upon an American as an alien."

"Instead of a feeling of distrust, because we are so rich and populous and powerful, the Canadian feels in that very fact his greatest sense of security, next to the security he places in his own manly self-reliance—a feeling that Americans can understand and respect. They share its inspiration as they shared its common source. For we know that the foundations of the American people and the American republic were laid by a stream of pioneers that poured from those Teuto-Celtic islands of which England is the largest factor."

"What a marvel has been this England! For nearly a thousand years her shores have been inviolate from the foot of an invader, while all the rest of Europe has been crosshatched in paths of blood. With an inexorable purpose unparalleled since the Romans marked the earth for their own, the sons of England have driven towards the outer marches of the world."

"Eastward and westward has gone their genius for empire. It subdued the virgin forests and the trackless prairies of North America, and with equal assurance it knitted the raveled sleeve of ancient civilizations and imposed order on the chaotic despotisms of India. Then, with undiminished vigor, it turned to the jungles of Africa and let light into the remotest corners of the Dark Continent."

Wherever it has gone it has carried law and has held aloft the ideal of liberty. Freedom of conscience is not an English invention. But out of England have come the men who have spread it over the face of the earth. "Her parliament is the mother of representative government, and to-day remains the most responsible and the most responsive government on the face of the earth—with the possible exceptions of those improved governments set up in the newer England beyond the seas."

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Shooting Oil Wells

Keen interest is being taken in the development of the Manitoulin oil fields by Senator Poirer and representatives from all the chief centres on the Island assembled at Green Bay to witness the shooting of some of the wells. E. A. Stokes, of Petrolia, was on hand, and a fuse was lighted, and a sharp shock was felt and the earth trembled, from the mouth of the pipe a greasy liquid shot into the air to a height of about eighty feet and fell gracefully to the ground. This was followed immediately by a second gush of a watery liquid which ascended to a height of about a hundred feet. About fifteen quarts of nitro-glycerine were used in shooting the well.

the duties will be readjusted by liquidators later, but it makes shippers hesitate, and freight tariffs also have to be readjusted, and many other arrangements such as train connections, etc., made.

Although we import large quantities of potatoes and vegetables from the United States, they are imported only when we have none of our own. In Canada there is an interval between the old and new crops of vegetables, potatoes, etc., when we are entirely dependent on the states for our supplies. In the states there is no interregnum such as we have, because there the early new stock from the south meets the end of the late crop of the north about the middle of June, and it is the early new crop of potatoes and vegetables which we import so largely. They do not come into competition with our farmers' products at all.

A lowering of tariffs also meant a great increase in the trade in oats of which the island is a large producer. Already twenty million bushels of Canadian oats are sold to go across the border even in the face of a 6 cent a bushel duty. The captain strongly emphasises the fact that the reciprocity agreement would have been far more advantageous to us than the lowering of the United States tariff, although the latter step is quite an improvement over former conditions. Under the present tariff there is a duty of \$2 on hay. Reciprocity made hay free. This year under reciprocity the island farmers would get fully the whole \$2 more for their hay, because the crop in the states is ten millions tons short. Argentina under the new tariff will export alfalfa in immense quantities to the states.

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INDIAN HEAD BARN

On the Experimental Farm at Indian Head there is a wonderful barn. Cement work was very largely used in the construction of both the stable—which was completed last autumn—and barn, as both have a 10 foot wall of cement. This material was also used in the floor and stalls of the horse stable and of the basement of the barn, which will be used for the winter feeding of cattle.

The horse stable, which is a huge affair, is splendidly fitted up in every way, while the barn is the last cry in barn-structure. Its dimensions are 48 feet by 116 feet with an elevation of 52 feet. This height gives the building an added appearance of immensity, especially from inside, but there are no posts; the barn is framed with eight large bents, with hip roof.

A goodly space on the ground floor is reserved for work shop, and granaries have also a generous allowance; the windows are hung on weights, and can be easily lowered, indeed, taking it all in all, the barn is so very fine a structure that the fire which destroyed the old buildings may now be regarded as more of a blessing than a curse.

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