

PREMIER BENNETT DEALS TRENCHEANTLY WITH THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY

Premier Bennett in the course of his great speech in the House of Commons on Tuesday made the following reference to reciprocity with the United States:

The right hon. leader of the Opposition asked me yesterday, very pointedly, why we did not negotiate a reciprocity agreement with the United States.

Mr. Duff: Hear, hear.

Mr. Bennett: I was surprised to hear the right hon. gentleman use the word reciprocity, because reciprocity might be a very difficult thing to accomplish with any country in the present disturbed conditions of the world. I shall not do more than ask two or three

I wonder where the right hon. gentleman gets his information that the United States desires to negotiate a treaty with Canada. All I can say is that I do not believe the Government of the United States has been communicating with him to that effect, and they certainly have not been to us. It may be that his former minister to Washington among his activities has given him information to that effect, but that I think is doubtful.

I read to this House last year a joint statement prepared by the President of the United States and myself, and I know of no reason why the facts stated in that memorandum are not as accurate today as they were then.

What is Meant

But let me ask a question or two as

to what is intended by this demand for reciprocity. Reciprocity in cattle, in butter, in eggs, in hogs—reciprocity in all these, I support, would be the proper thing to have?

Mr. Duff: What about fish?

Mr. Bennett: I am so glad to hear that—fish, as well as cattle, hogs, butter and eggs, because I will now give you the prices of these commodities in Canada and the United States. I got the market today on hogs.

(Mr. Bennett's figures revealed higher prices in Canada than in the United States in almost every instance.)

So we want reciprocity in hogs in order that American can find in Canada a market for their commodities at twice the price they get at home.

Thomas Donnelly: (Lib. Willow Bunch)—What about the price of wheat?

Mr. Bennett: The price of wheat is the same as the price obtained in Canada plus the duty of 42 cents per bushel imposed by the American Congress against Canadian wheat.

Just one more moment while I deal with a further question as to the prices of butter and eggs in the two countries. We have now had expressed in this House by western members a desire that we should have a reciprocity agreement with the United States with respect to these items. The prices being received for these commodities at different points in Canada and the

United States are as follows:

(The figures to show Canada to have the higher prices).

That is the reciprocity the hon. gentleman says he wants.

John Vallance: (South Battleford)—There is no reciprocity in that.

Mr. Bennett: I asked him distinctly if he wanted reciprocity in those items; I named them and he said he did. He wants an opportunity for the American farmer to sell his agricultural products at Canadian prices which are higher than he can get at home. That is the reciprocity they say they want. Let them tell the agriculturists of Quebec and Ontario that that is the form of agricultural reciprocity that is wanted. Go and tell them that you want the American to come into this market to sell his products under such a reciprocity treaty. The only form of treaty that can be arrived at between countries is one that is just and fair to both and one that affords an opportunity for the products of the one country in the markets of the other under the most unfair conditions.

Mr. Vallance: That is all we want.

Mr. Bennett: If any other agreement is in the minds of those who have been speaking in this House, I can only say that there will be no agreement possible that imposes unfair conditions upon Canadians or that would subject Canadian dairy farmers, butter producers and hog and cattle raisers to the competition of prices received in the United States for comparable products.

Fish Prices

Mr. Duff: Mr. Speaker, with your permission, will the Prime Minister be good enough to give—

Some hon. members: Order.

Mr. Duff: Mr. Speaker, with your permission might I ask the Prime Minister to give the comparative prices received for fish in Boston, New York and Halifax or any other part of Canada.

Mr. Bennett: I have not the figures beside me, but I will endeavor to secure them for the hon. gentleman. If he will repair to the library I fancy he will have no difficulty in finding them in a Boston paper.

Mr. Duff: I do not have to go to the library.

Mr. Bennett: Perhaps the encyclopedia provide an answer to his question provide an answer to his question without reference to the library.

GENERAL MOTORS HAS PROMISE OF A BIG YEAR

Oshawa, Ont., Feb. —R. S. McLaughlin, President of General Motors of Canada, Limited, stated upon his return here, after visits to the Motor Shows in Toronto and Montreal, that his home-coming was made perfect by the tremendous activity in the Production departments, brought about by the avalanche of orders received during the first few weeks of the introduction of the 1934 General Motors cars.

In Montreal, stated Mr. McLaughlin, demonstrations of the floating ride with knee-action wheels on the Chevrolet and Pontiac were made under abnormal conditions, due to extreme weather and an abundance of snow and ice. Under these conditions our dealers were able to show the public, in a very convincing way, that this engineering refinement on our 1934 cars was flexible to any extreme road or winter driving condition.

"I was greatly pleased by the enthusiasm of visitors at these Motor Shows, and more than gratified at the reception by our dealer organization," continued Mr. McLaughlin. "The proof of their sincerity has been shown here at our factory, where orders are coming in faster than can be taken care of by immediate delivery."

"Late last year when setting up our production machinery for the manufacture of the knee-action unit, particularly Chevrolet and Pontiac, the present unexpected and abnormal demand, which we are now experiencing, was not anticipated." The greatest care and precision of workmanship is required in the manufacture of the kneeaction unit and although normal deliveries for this season are being made, installation of additional equipment for this operation is being rushed to completion so we can cope with the unpredictable consumer demand for immediate delivery of the new low price General Motors Cars."

Big Increase

As a result of the careful check on sales at the Toronto and Montreal Motor Shows, Mr. McLaughlin announced that there was a 37-per cent increase in sales over last year at the Toronto Show. The sales increase over last year at Montreal during Show-Week was 49 percent. These increases we consider most gratifying especially in view of the fact that our sales last year were the largest recorded up to that time.

"The attendance at the General Motors Salon in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, just closed, was over 43-per cent greater for the six days as compared with the attendance last year when the Salon was open to the public for seven full days." "Additional Salons will be held in Ottawa and London immediately, and all indications point to the attendance of further record breaking crowds."

THE PREMIER HAS AFFECTION FOR FRY PAN

London, Feb. 2— Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald has gone domestic, and revealed that he holds particular affection for a frying pan.

Writing in a recent issue of the harking magazine, Rucksack, he said: "How well I know the frying pan. One can get down to it, and with sleeves up and elbows out, control the operations with a fork. Compare the more dillatory methods by which victuals simmer and cook themselves, and give me a frying pan with its savory smells encouraging my efforts."

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ETIQUETTE

Q. How would one converse in public?

A. Quietly, since to converse in loud tones or talk of personal matters anywhere in public shows great lack of fine feeling and good breeding.

Q. What must the host and hostess look to if they wish to be successful?

A. The successful host and hostess see to it that all their guests are in-

troduced to each other, if this is possible, so that the best of cordiality and the least restraint may characterize the group.

Q. Do ladies wear gloves at a formal dinner?

A. Yes, removing them only at the table, resuming them after dinner is over.

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