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THE U. S. TARIFF BILL

The Democratic party during the progress of the successful campaign which they waged in the United States last fall, promised a downward revision of the tariff in the interests of the great consuming masses and they are going to carry out that promise. Congress convened yesterday in extraordinary session and the new tariff revision bill was introduced by Chairman Underwood of the Committee of Ways and Means. The measure is very broad in its scope and if it becomes law as it stands, will reduce taxation to the amount of eighty millions of dollars. It will strike a deadly blow at the high cost of living and at the same time sweep away a large measure of the protection now enjoyed by the big manufacturing interests of the country. To make up for the loss of revenue which will result from the tariff reductions it is proposed to impose a stiff tax on all incomes in excess of four thousand dollars.

Sweeping reductions are to be made in the duties on farm products but as an offset to this the farmers are to have free agricultural machinery, free lumber, free fence wire and free boots and shoes. The manufacturers, having had the benefit of an outrageous protective tariff for half a century, are well able to withstand the competition which will come to them from other countries, but in order to meet it they will be compelled to lower their prices and reduce their profits to the great advantage of the consumer. The only effective way to clip the wings of a monopoly is by abolishing duties and the committee which prepared the tariff bill seems to have taken heed of this well-known economic fact.

The proposed tariff reductions, while they will be of great advantage to Canada, will be not nearly so beneficial as would have accrued from the reciprocity agreement of 1911. Tory politicians and newspapers to the contrary notwithstanding. The tariff concessions granted under the Taft-Fielding agreement were for Canada alone, while those granted by the Underwood bill are for the benefit of the whole world. In other words, the reciprocity agreement gave us a preference in the great markets of the United States, while the present tariff bill places us in exactly the same position with respect to the United States market as we now stand in relation to the markets of Great Britain. If a generous preference would be worth anything to Canada in the markets of the Mother Country—and Tory newspapers and politicians are constantly singing its praises—why would not it be worth as much if not more to us in the markets of an English-speaking country which has double the population of the British Isles? Tory newspapers are hailing with glee the proposed tariff reductions in the United States and boastfully declare that Canada is getting for nothing all that she would have got under the reciprocity agreement, and will be unhampered by a treaty. When it comes to misrepresentation Tory papers are ready to go to any extreme. The reciprocity agreement was not a treaty, but an agreement and the parties to it were left free to terminate it any time they saw fit. The Tory papers which are now so joyful because the United States government is going to reduce or abolish the duties on natural products told us in 1911 that it would be disloyal for the farmers and lumbermen of Canada to ship their products across the border. If it was disloyal to do this two years ago, how can it be any less disloyal to do it today. Then we were told in 1911 that reciprocity would divert traffic north and south instead of east and west and would be disastrous to Canadian railways. What are the timorous souls who used this canvass in 1911 going to do when the Underwood tariff bill becomes law? If the traffic continues to go

east and west instead of north and south of what benefit to Canada will be the tariff concessions made by the Underwood bill? If it diverts traffic north and south, then it will be the duty of the Tories, if they are consistent, to at once impose an export duty on Canadian products. If their arguments of 1911 were sound they will be sacrificing the interests of Canadian transportation companies if they fail to take some steps to protect them.

Regardless of what Tory politicians and newspapers may say to the contrary, the Underwood tariff bill being applicable as it will be to the whole world, will not confer anything like the benefits on Canada that would have accrued from the enactment of the reciprocity agreement. All the same the changes will result in partially restoring the balance of trade between the two countries, now heavily against Canada, and will be warmly welcomed by the great majority of Canadians.

So far as New Brunswick is concerned it has all to gain and nothing to lose by closer commercial relations with the United States. With lumber admitted free of duty a great stimulus will be given to one of our most important industries and many thousands of people will share in the increased prosperity which will come to that industry.

Of great interest to the farmers of the fertile St. John Valley with the announcement that the outrageous duty of twenty-five cents per barrel on potatoes is to be wiped off the statute books. New Brunswick is essentially a potato-growing country, it produces the finest potatoes in Canada. At present the surplus output is either fed to stock or forced into unnatural markets. Under the new tariff bill the bulk of it will find its way across the border into the New England States, while potato-growers in Michigan will be well able to supply any demand which might exist in Western Canada in years when there is a short crop in that region.

For years the Maritime Provinces have been cursed by high tariffs, Canadian and American, and in consequence we have lost hundreds of thousands of our best people. New Brunswick enjoyed more real prosperity in ten years of the old reciprocity treaty than it has experienced in thirty years of the so-called national policy. Its population from 1861 to 1871 increased by 27,000, while from 1881 to 1891 just thirty-one people were added to the population and the total increase in the two following decades was less than twenty thousand. Endowed by nature with rich resources New Brunswick should be a veritable garden of prosperity. New railways now in course of construction will do much for the people but we have no hesitation in saying that free access to the United States markets for the products of our forests and farms will be the greatest blessing this province has enjoyed in half a century. If New Brunswickers were hopeful a year ago that they were at last coming to their own they have a much greater reason to be hopeful today, in view of the welcome announcement which comes from the United States capital.

The Tory papers are boasting that the new U.S. tariff gives Canada all it would have got under reciprocity and Canada is not called upon to give anything in return. If there is anything in this contention, what about the following statement contained in a Washington despatch concerning the tariff bill:—"To encourage trade with foreign countries the bill would reverse the maximum provision of the present tariff law. The new tariff rates would be the maximum tariff and the President would be given authority to negotiate reciprocity treaties and make concessions to countries that grant favors to American exports." This certainly does not look as if Canada were getting all the concessions that would have been granted under a reciprocity treaty. If such is the case why is the President given authority to negotiate reciprocity treaties?

The announcement is made that an automobile is to be purchased for the use of the officials of the provincial public works department. An unforeseen expenditure of \$150,000 to repair the damage to roads and bridges caused by the spring freshet, does not appear to have any terrors

POPULAR YOUNG FARMER TALKS

Tells What Dodd's Kidney Pills Did For Him

He's Back at Work Again, After Suffering From the Pains, Nervousness and Depression That Only Kidney Disease Can Bring

Port Alexander, Ont., April 7—(Special)—Mr. D. A. Froncare, a well-known and popular young farmer, living near here, who has been a sufferer from kidney disease for some time past, is back at work again, and he says, without hesitation, that his cure is due to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I was always tired and nervous," Mr. Froncare says, in speaking of his illness. "I suffered from backache and neuralgia and my sleep was broken and unrefreshing. My eyes were puffed and there were dark red circles around them.

"My muscles would cramp. I felt heavy and sleepy afterwards, and I was depressed and low-spirited, while shortness of breath and dizzy spells served to make life yet more miserable for me.

"I was always thirsty, my limbs were heavy and I had a dragging sensation across the loins.

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for the extravagant Flemming Government. If an auto is really necessary for the public works officials perhaps Dr. McNally out of the goodness of his heart might be willing to loan him on reasonable terms.

The local Tory organ, which some weeks ago announced in flaming headlines that the Grits were in the dumps on the naval question, now reports them as being ready to fight to a finish and intimates that the government will be compelled to adopt closure. The organ seems to have got pretty close to the truth at last.

Marysville ought to step some this year; it has a Gray mayor.

LATE DONALD A. BABBITT

The funeral of the late Donald H. Babbitt, whose death occurred Sunday took place this afternoon. Service was conducted at Gibson by Rev. Mr. Lake and the remains were brought to this city by I. R. C. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

FIGHTS FOR TONIGHT.

Joe Rivers, vs. Leach Cross, 10 rounds, at New York City.

"Spike" Kelly vs. Billy Walters, 10 rounds, at Kenosha, Wis.

George Chaney vs. Young Britt, 15 rounds, at Baltimore.

Cure That March Cold?

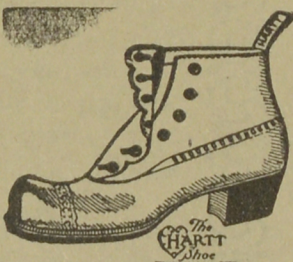
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