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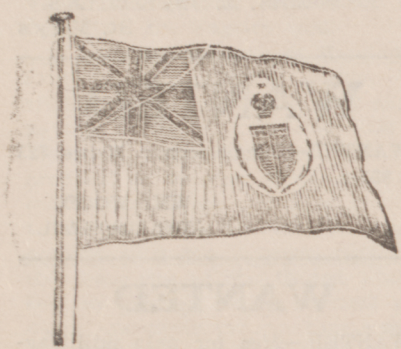
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## DOMINION ELECTION

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Reciprocity Candidate for  
York  
ALFRED B. ATHERTON, M. D.

### YORK IN LINE

A larger or more enthusiastic political meeting than that addressed by Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Dr. Atherton, the Reciprocity candidate, and Rev. J. J. McCaskill in the Opera House last night has never been held in the County of York.

In all respects the gathering was a rouser and it was a record breaker in the high character of the speeches, in attendance and in enthusiasm. The hall was crowded to its capacity, scores of people were compelled to stand and hundreds were turned away for lack of accommodation. It was a meeting composed for the most part of thoughtful and intelligent electors, gathered to hear the great issue of Reciprocity discussed, and fully three quarters of the crowd were Liberals who cheered the different speakers to the echo.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Canada's popular minister of public works, has been heard many times in this city, both in the Legislature and on the hustings, but never did he appear in better form than last night. His speech was the speech of a statesman; it had foundation, proportion, dome and he presented his arguments so clearly that the dumbest man in the audience understood the meaning of every word he uttered.

He presented the Reciprocity issue in a manner that must have convinced the great audience of one thing—that in negotiating the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was actuated by the sole desire to further promote the welfare and prosperity of this great Dominion of Canada. The minister's address was powerful and convincing and the bottom was knocked completely out of the Tory arguments against Reciprocity. He put the case squarely up to the people in the audience. "Would I," said he, "as the representative of New Brunswick in the cabinet, have been justified in advising Messrs. Fielding and Paterson to reject the offer of the United States to make lumber free? Would I have been justified in advising them to refuse an offer to give our farm products and our fish free admission to the great markets of the United States?" He had considered the question very carefully, he said, and he felt that he would have been untrue to the best interests of New Brunswick had he adopted such a course. The cheers which greeted this utterance made it plain that the audience was of the same opinion. Dr. Pugsley's great speech must have convinced all who went to the meeting with an open mind that the government has by far the best side of the argument on the Reciprocity

issue. His denunciation of the unholy alliance between Borden and Bourassa in Quebec provoked ringing cheers. The minister of public works made votes for Dr. Atherton in his speech last night.

Dr. Atherton, the Reciprocity candidate, was given a reception which leaves no room for doubt as to the warm place he occupies in the affections of the people of this city. He discussed the Reciprocity issue in a half hour speech, which delighted everybody. There was no tinge of bitterness in his words; he did not sling mud or call names, which is a favorite pastime of Tory speakers in this campaign, but talked straight common sense to the people. He told them why he favored Reciprocity and he told them that if they honored him by an election to parliament, he would do his best to advance the interests of York County. Those who know Dr. Atherton know him as a man honest and sincere; and a man who will keep his word.

Rev. Mr. McCaskill spoke with great vigor and presented the case for Reciprocity in a clear and forcible manner. He showed conclusively that it was a fight between the moneyed interests of the country and the common people and it was for the latter to stand together and assert their rights. The rev. gentleman's caustic criticism of the manufacturers' association caused Mr. William Lemont and a few other Tories in the audience to quiver in their seats. They attempted to heckle him but he stuck manfully to his guns and finished his address amidst an outburst of applause and cheers.

The friends of Reciprocity are delighted with the great success of the meeting and if anything were needed to put fettle into them it was supplied by the able and convincing speech of the minister of public works.

"I am a Conservative but I am going to vote for Dr. Atherton," remarked a clever young mechanic to The Mail a few days ago. "I placed my life in his hands and I am alive today and able to earn a living. My life is worth more to me than anything I can ever hope to get from the Conservative party. A man without gratitude for favors received is not fit to live."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley made the important announcement that he had placed an order for a suction dredge to be used on the river between St. John and Fredericton. That is a proposition that should interest the business men of Fredericton. This city has water communication seven months out of the year, why not make the most of it.

A large number of the toilers of Fredericton listened to Dr. Pugsley's able speech and were impressed by it. The workmen of Fredericton know a good thing when they see it and they are going to vote right on Sept. 21st.

If it is right and proper for the Marysville Cotton Mill to buy its cotton in the Southern States it can't be wrong for the farmers and lumbermen of York to sell their products in the Northern States.

Dr. Atherton has practiced his profession in Fredericton for many years. He has been the true friend of all classes and all classes will rally to his support on Sept. 21st.

Work, work, work, should be the motto of the Liberals of York from now until the close of the polls. Let it be your pillar of cloud by day and your pillar of fire by night.

Who ever heard of Dr. Atherton hounding a poor man for a dollar? In this respect he differs from some of the professional men who are campaigning against him.

There were men on the platform at the Opera House last evening who could buy and sell a dozen times over the whole bunch who are campaigning against Reciprocity in York. Although thirteen is not considered a lucky number it almost looks as if Hon. Dr. Pugsley was going to make a clean sweep of the province this time.

The Laurier government is going to be sustained. Let some other country do stunts in opposition this time. York County should have its turn.

What do the farmers of York, the manufacturers of York and the workmen of York owe to the Crockets? They never got anything from them except abuse.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley scarcely mentioned the name of O. S. Crockett in his speech last evening. Silent contempt is a most effective weapon.

Our old friend Mr. William Lemont was put to sleep by Dr. Pugsley in the first round.

Mr. William Lemont played the comedy role for the Tories at the great reciprocity meeting at the Opera House. Mr. Lemont would have the people believe that he is actuated by motives of lofty patriotism. A few months ago when he was asked to take some stock in a Fredericton industry, he declined to do so, giving as his reasons, that he had just bought property in the Southern States. Mr. Lemont was a patriot in 1900 when he stumped York for the Liberals and afterwards rendered a bill for his services at the rate of \$10 per night. He is so much of a patriot at the present time that he intends to annex himself to the United States for the winter. Some good friend of Mr. Lemont's should advise him to go away back and sit down.

The gallant Col. McLeod has been stumping in Victoria County for a candidate who is generally understood to have strong Nationalist sympathy.

## RECIPROCITY WOULD DOUBLE POPULATION

Mr. Donald Fraser, head of the biggest lumbering concern in eastern Canada operating mills at Plaster Rock, Edmundston and Cabano, is a firm believer in reciprocity. He occupied a seat on the platform last night at the Reciprocity meeting.

Speaking after the meeting he said: "Reciprocity will greatly benefit the lumbering industry and it would be a boon to the farmer. I make this prediction without the slightest hesitation, that under reciprocity the population of the maritime provinces will double inside of ten years."

Mr. Fraser speaks as head of a concern which ships annually to the United States market close to \$1,000,000 worth of lumber. They also ship immense quantities to Great Britain, Argentina and Australia.

Since reciprocity was brought down in parliament his concern has acquired 85,000 acres of land near Temiscouata Lake.

### ENLIGHTENING THE ELECTORATE

The hack organ in its report of a political meeting at Keswick Ridge says:

"The speakers of the evening were Messrs Stewart Mavor and R. B. Hanson. Mr. Mavor went fully into the economic aspect of the reciprocity agreement and impressed his hearers with the strength of his conviction that reciprocity in agricultural products would be most detrimental to the farmers interests."

Mr. R. B. Hanson was the next speaker. He dealt with the issue in all its phases both economic and imperialistic and noticeably convinced those present that the agreement should never go through."

In the face of the weighty and learned opinion of Messrs Mavor and Hanson it seems useless for novices like Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Donald Fraser, J. Fraser Gregory, Frank Clements and Elwood Burr to tell the people that they will be benefited by reciprocity.

## LABOR LEADERS FAVOR RECIPROCITY

Calgary, Alta. 12—The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Dominion Trades Congress opened this morning. A strong delegation from the Western provinces is in evidence. Among the Eastern delegates are Gustave Franço and Richard Lynch, from Montreal.

Two big discussions are foreshadowed in the executive committee's report. One is re reciprocity the other is the Lemieux Act. The executive report reads as follows.

"Your executive does not hesitate to say that it believes that the reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States is in the interest of the Canadian people. If other proof of this is wanting, the fact that the Canadian Manufacturers Association is against it would be sufficient to prove that it must be of some value to the workers. This organization has never tired of proclaiming its love for 'free' labor because that helps its pocket. Reciprocity has long been recognized in

## FOUR ROUSING RECIPROCITY MEETINGS HELD LAST NIGHT

In addition to the magnificent meeting in the Opera House last night at which both Dr. Atherton and Hon. Wm. Pugsley received so magnificent a reception, there were other well attended meetings in the rural districts of the county. At all the speakers were given attentive hearings and it was apparent that "Reciprocity and Atherton" is the watchword of the day.

At Nortondale Mr. N. W. Brown was the speaker, addressing a good meeting. He dealt in detail with the issues of the campaign, clearly showing what the farmers and lumbermen of New Brunswick had to gain by Reciprocity.

At Penniac there was a rousing meeting. Mr. P. J. Hughes of this city, and Rev. J. H. Puddington were the speakers. The audience cheered enthusiastically as the speakers made their points and was particularly impressed with the argument in reply to the annexation cry.

Mr. George F. Burden, ex-M.P.P., and Mr. Michael Kelly, the "Blind Orator," were given a hearty reception at Scotch Settlement, where a large audience heard them discuss the issues of the day.

At Magundy Mr. S. B. Hatheway was the speaker. He dealt with Reciprocity particularly from the point of view of the farmer and his remarks were cheered to the echo.

As the campaign progresses the growing strength of the Reciprocity candidate becomes more apparent each day.

## C. P. R. NOT AFRAID OF RECIPROCITY

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, Sept. 13.—That the Canadian Pacific Railway authorities have no fear of the effect at St. John of the Reciprocity agreement, is evidenced by a statement given out this morning by D. McNeil, second vice-president and general manager, who arrived here last night, coupled with Sir Thomas Tait. He said that the company had plans under way which would involve a large expenditure, providing the approved facilities at this port. He thought that in the very near future an up-to-date car ferry would be established between St. John and Digby, and he hoped to have it in operation as soon as possible. He also intimated that the steamer Prince Rupert would be replaced by a larger boat. He expected a large through traffic here this winter. Preparations are now being made to handle it.

## ST. JOHN MEN HAVE PASSED AWAY

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, Sept. 13.—Joseph Court of the firm of Court Brothers, an old and esteemed citizen died early this morning. He leaves a wife, daughter and two sisters.

Wm. E. McGinlay, a well known insurance agent succumbed this morning to an attack of typhoid, leaving a wife, one daughter and three sons, one of the latter being A. E. McGinlay of the St. John staff.

Seranton, Pa., Sept. 13.—By the breaking of a wire cable four loaded cars fell away in the slope at the Mulvine Colliery here and killed four men besides injuring a fifth who will probably die.

the International Trade Union movement and we see no danger to anything but the pockets of a few interested capitalists in permitting the people of the two countries to swap knives if they see fit to do so without the intervention of a horde of customs officials. The trade union movement is better and stronger because of the freedom it enjoys in the exchange of benefits.

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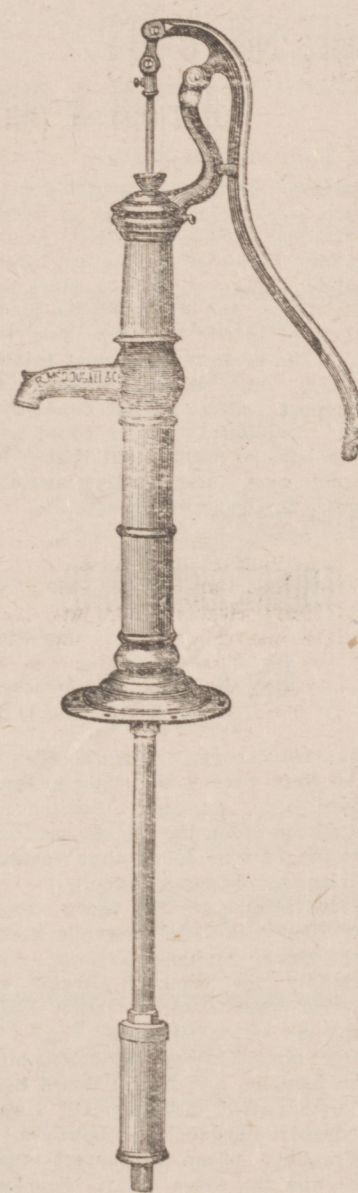
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