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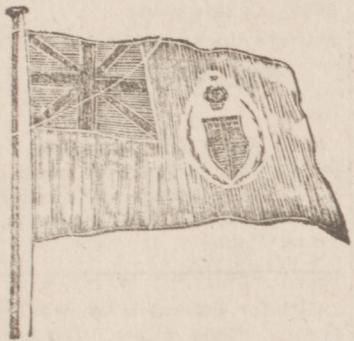
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## DOMINION ELECTION

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Reciprocity Candidate for York

ALFRED B. ATHERTON, M. D.

## MR. BORDEN'S QUEBEC ALLIES

"THE ENGLISH HAVE NEVER DONE ANYTHING FOR THE FRENCH-CANADIANS. WE OWE THEM NOTHING. THE FRENCH-CANADIANS DO NOT WANT TO BOTHER THEMSELVES ABOUT WHAT MAY BE SAID OR DONE IN THE OTHER PROVINCES ON THIS QUESTION OF THE NAVY. THEY CAN AND MUST SETTLE THE QUESTIONS WHICH INTEREST THEM WITHOUT OCCUPYING THEMSELVES WITH OTHERS. THOSE WHO DISEMBOWELLED YOUR FATHERS ON THE PLAINS OF ABRAHAM ASK YOU TODAY TO GO AND GET YOURSELVES KILLED FOR THEM."—P. B. BLONDIN, LATE CONSERVATIVE MEMBER AND PRESENT CANDIDATE FOR CHAMPLAIN, AT ST. LOUIS DE BLANDFORD, OCTOBER 28, 1910.

### A QUESTION OF POTATOES

Mr. Armand Lavergne, Bourassa's lieutenant in Quebec, when asked on a recent occasion to discuss reciprocity replied that it was a question of potatoes and he would have to leave it to the farmers. The farmers of New Brunswick grow the best potatoes in America, and if reciprocity is a question of potatoes it ought to be a question of vital concern to them. New Brunswick farmers can grow potatoes just as cheaply if not cheaper than they can be grown in the adjoining State of Maine. They have plenty of land well adapted for the purpose and they are just as anxious to earn an honest dollar. Wipe away the outrageous tariff barrier which separates them from the United States market and they will immediately become formidable competitors with their brother farmers in Aroostook county. The farmers in the central and southern portion of the province have water transportation which would be an enormous advantage in securing equitable freight rates to the New England states. The production of potatoes would quadruple inside of a few years; there would be a steady demand for them, the farmers would feel the jingle of prosperity in their pockets and all classes would share in the benefit.

Discussing the question of reciprocity and its bearing upon potatoes, the Montreal Herald has this interesting reference to New Brunswick:

"The potato king of New Brunswick who has always been a Conservative also says it is a potato question, and he is going to change his vote for that reason. The was he explains it one might think a good many New Brunswick farmers would do likewise. THEIR LAND LIES ALONGSIDE MAINE LAND WHICH IS LIKE THEIR OWN IN ALL RESPECTS, EXCEPT ONE. THE SOIL

IS THE SAME. THE CLIMATE IS THE SAME. THE FARMERS ARE OF EQUAL INTELLIGENCE. THE DISTANCE TO MARKETS IS THE SAME. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE CANADIAN POTATOES HAVE TO PAY A DUTY TO GET INTO THAT MARKET WHICH THE OTHERS DO NOT. SO THE CANADIAN LAND BRINGS JUST HALF AS MUCH PROFIT, OR JUST HALF AS BIG A PRICE AS THE LAND NEXT DOOR. THE DUTY ON POTATOES IS TO BE TAKEN OFF. THE POTATO KING AND ALL THOSE FROM WHOM HE BUYS POTATOES ARE GOING TO VOTE TO TAKE IT OFF.

"IT IS SO ALL THROUGH NEW BRUNSWICK. ALL ALONG THE ST. JOHN RIVER THERE ARE PRODUCTS IN WHICH A FINE AND PROFITABLE BUSINESS COULD BE DONE IF THEY COULD BE LOADED FOR NEW ENGLAND. WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED IN THE HIVES OF INDUSTRY. As soon as the agreement was announced steamboat men and merchants began to make their plans. Many of them have been stalwart Conservatives and will be again; this time they have only one thing to vote for, thanks to the way Mr. Borden and his advisers have gone about their business. NEW BRUNSWICK NOT MERELY NEEDS RECIPROCITY; IT KNOWS ITS NEEDS AND SEES ITS GAIN. There, anyhow, the farmer is going to take his turn, and his friends are going to help him get it."

The "potato king" referred to above will be readily recognized by most readers of The Mail as Mr. Frank DeL. Clements a successful young farmer and potato shipper of Kingsclear. Mr. Clements who has been sneeringly referred to as a "potato importer" by the local hack organ has come out strongly in favor of reciprocity. He has always been a Conservative in politics but on Sept. 21st will cast his ballot for reciprocity. He is a member of a concern which is growing potatoes on leased farms in Sunbury County this year on a scale never before attempted in New Brunswick.

He did not go into business with his eyes shut. He knows that enormous quantities of potatoes are grown in Aroostook County but he is not afraid of any competition he will get from that quarter. By leasing land that was doing nothing before and planting it in potatoes he is adding to the wealth of the country. If a man who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a public benefactor, then what shall we say of the man who will probably gather twenty thousand barrels of potatoes this season where none were grown last year. He is certainly not of the class content to sit down and let well enough alone. Give us reciprocity and there are scores of farmers all over the province who will emulate Mr. Clements excellent example. Mr. Clements has been loyal to New Brunswick. He could have gone west and made good. He referred to remain home and cast in his lot with the rest of us. He knows what will benefit him and his business; he asks no favors at the expense of any other class in the community. Then why should he not be given a chance to give vent to his enterprise? What do the farmers of York think of the proposition? How does it strike the workmen of Fredericton.

The Regina Standard, an independent Conservative journal says: "It was disappointing to the Standard as it was to thousands of his Western admirers, to find that Mr. Borden had nothing to offer against Reciprocity except the stock arguments that have done duty at a price per line during the past three months, in party organs and other purchasable sheets."

Evidently the Regina Standard has an poor an opinion of Mr. Borden's organ as the latter himself. At any rate it could not be more contemptuous than when it says "party organs and other purchasable sheets."

Henry Arkell, of Arkell, Ont., one of the largest sheep breeders in Canada says: Without any influx and with steady markets, American prices for sheep are always one dollar a hundred over ours. In a year's time they will find a scarcity and will look to us, as they did in 1893-4, to stock them up again. Farmers and stock raisers, now is your time to stand together against rich manufacturers and combine and do away with this cumbersome tariff. I have been a Conservative all my life but cannot support this tariff any longer. Give us a larger market. With reciprocity we will have the United States and Great Britain.

Reciprocity would do more to stimulate agriculture in New Brunswick in one year than the medical commissioner of agriculture and his staff can do in twenty-five years.

The reciprocity agreement is printed in full in another part of this issue. Study it itself. Look into each item affected by the agreement, leave out party prejudice and you can come to but one conclusion, viz., that reciprocity will prove a magnificent thing for the Maritime Provinces, which for so long have been almost at a standstill. Let us try it any way for a time; if it proves unsatisfactory, we do not have to keep it in force.

St. John Times:—Hon. Dr. Pugsley pointed out on Wednesday evening that this year western Canada will produce 37,000,000 more bushels of wheat than the United Kingdom imported from all wheat growing countries last year. What will the production of Canada be five or ten years hence? To ask the question is to suggest the great importance of enlarging the free market of the Canadian grain growers, whose prosperity means so much to Canada.

St. John Times:—The best answer to the Tory assertion that the New Brunswick farmer does not take advantage of his opportunities is found in Aroostook Co., Maine. The New Brunswick farmers who went there and got access to the larger market at once began to make money and today they travel in automobiles. Give our farmers at home the same chance and watch them grow.

The Standard published an Ottawa despatch, forecasting some Liberal cabinet. The Standard has been telling its readers all along that there is to be no Liberal cabinet after Sept. 21st. Why then should it be necessary to make a shuffle.

Mr. Crockett's services on the stump outside of York do not seem to be in great demand just now. The man who expects to be minister of railways in Borden's cabinet should get out and give some of the other fellows a helping hand.

A vote for Crockett is a vote in favor of Bourassa. Surely the electors of York county cannot swallow such a dose. Crockett stands fairly against the advancement of New Brunswick York county cannot afford to elect him.

It is freely predicted even by Tories that in a few years western Canada will be producing six hundred million bushels of wheat. Surely they do not claim that we will be able to dispose of that quantity in the English market.

The name of Mr. Leighton McCarthy, nephew of the late Mr. Dalton McCarthy the Liberal candidate for North Simcoe, Ont., is mentioned in connection with the portfolio of the Minister of Justice.

No matter how many potatoes or turnips the York county farmer raises he can sell them out of the field for cash if we have Reciprocity. What a boon that will be for the farmer.

Mr. W. J. Noble, a prominent York County lumberman, predicts that in three years unless we get Reciprocity there will not be a stick of American lumber come down the St. John River.

Remember that in less than three months from today the Reciprocity agreement will be in operation and the farmers of York will be shipping their produce to the United States.

A former Fredericton man now resident in Winnipeg writes to a friend here that Mr. Ashdown, the Liberal candidate in that city, is a sure winner.

Mr. M. E. Agar, a St. John Tory fears for the loyalty of the next generation of Canadians. This is certainly an original argument against reciprocity.

The St. John Standard goes back to the war of 1812 to find arguments against Reciprocity. Somebody should tell the organ that "conditions have changed" since 1812.

Reciprocity with the United States simply means that the farmers of Canada exchange one customer for twelve.

Farmers of York, read for yourself the full text of the Reciprocity agreement published in this issue.

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## NORTH SHORE IS SOLID FOR RECIPROCITY

Campbellton, N. B., Sept. 8.—Res-tigouche voters from far and near lined up far Reid and reciprocity, in a magnificent meeting in the Opera House, addressed by Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, and hailed tonight as the "Friend of Campbellton."

Probably 3,000 were jammed into the building and listened patiently to the speeches of the evening.

Dr. Pugsley's speech was particularly strong on the reciprocity issue, which is expected to play an important part in this section of the province.

All doubts of Mr. Reid's success were swept away by the announcement made by Hon. Dr. Pugsley just before the meeting closed that William Murray, who had been announced as an independent Liberal candidate, out of loyalty to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and a desire to have the issue of reciprocity put squarely before the electors, had definitely decided not to enter the contest. This was received with loud applause, and was a fitting climax to a great meeting.

Mr. Montgomery will run 500 votes behind that received by Mr. Mott, and will not have a ghost of a chance in a straight party fight which he now faces.

### A GREAT AUDIENCE

A stranger at the meeting would have fancied himself in a city audience rather than at a gathering in a town which little more than a year ago was naught but a heap of smoking ruins. Dimock's new Opera House with graded floors and brilliantly lighted stage, was crowded to the doors. The aisles and entrance were packed with men anxious to hear Dr. Pugsley's message. The orchestra furnished entrancing music, and all the arrangements were most complete.

Draped over the stage was the legend, "Welcome to Pugsley, friend of Campbellton," and another motto conspicuously displayed was "Reid, Reciprocity and Prosperity."

Flags were used with good effect in decorating the platform. In the audience were many out of town voters, and 300 people came by train from Dalhousie alone to hear the minister, a significant fact considering that Dalhousie is the home town of the opposition candidate.

When Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Reid came on the platform there were hearty cheers and enthusiasm was manifest throughout the meeting. Ex-Mayor D. Murray acted as chairman and referred in the highest of terms to Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Reid. He spoke of the minister's last visit to Campbellton, and as a result the sum of \$75,000 was drawing interest in the bank to the credit of the town. The chairman also referred to Mr. Reid's letter of condolence, which simply stated:

"Draw on me for \$500 for the relief fund. James Reid." (Cheers).

Mr. Reid was enthusiastically received. He had come in from a tiring campaign tour, and in view of the fact that able speakers were present, he said he would not enter into arguments at any length.

Hon. C. H. LaBilloy spoke in French on the benefits of Reciprocity and endorsed Mr. Reid's successful record as the representative of Restigouche.

### DR. PUGSLEY.

When Dr. Pugsley rose to speak he was greeted with cheers. He said it had not been an easy matter to receive the federal grant of \$75,000 to aid the stricken town, and that it was placed in the estimates was largely due to the energy, persistence and strong personality of Mr. Reid. (Cheers).

Dr. Pugsley referred to the development of the port of Campbellton, and the plans of the government for providing berths for three additional steamers.

The minister dealt with Reciprocity and other issues of the campaign and was repeatedly cheered.

A larger market and cheaper farm machinery is certainly not going to injure the farmers of York.

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It was the Tories who signed an annexation manifesto in 1849 and burned the parliament buildings in Montreal.

Dr. Silas Alward, K. C., of St. John, has come out flatfooted in favor of Reciprocity.

Mr. James Robinson, Conservative ex-M.P., for Northumberland, is supporting Mr. Loggie's candidature.

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