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FAVOR RECIPROCITY

At a recent meeting of the Palmer Company directors attended by Messrs. John Kilburn, Ald. Edward Moore, R. W. McLellan, Chas. K. Palmer, W. A. McLellan, the question of reciprocity and its probable effect on the business of the Company was

discussed. It was the unanimous opinion that apart from the beneficial effect reciprocity would have on the general trade of the country it would be of enormous effect on the Company. It was decided to make public the following statement of the Company's position:

"We are compelled to buy from the United States practically all of our own raw material. We send a large percentage of our finished product to that country and are able to compete with similar industries there after payment of the duty.

"Nobody attempts to deny that Reciprocity will be of great benefit to the people of Western Canada. It is in this section of the country where we sell the largest part of our finished output. The prosperity of the west, therefore, means the prosperity of the East and increased business for us.

It is our intention to build in the near future a new and much larger tannery and factory. We are reaching out for the Western trade and are preparing to handle the increased business which is coming in our line. This means that our staff of employees will have to be increased.

"We honestly believe that reciprocity will be greatly to the advantage of this Company and its employees."

MR. SIFTON SOLD WINNIPEG PAPER

Winnipeg, Man. Sept. 9.—For some weeks many rumors have been afloat here as to a change in the ownership of the Manitoba Free Press. While its owner Hon. Clifford Sifton has been vigorously opposing reciprocity in the East, this journal is a great power in the West for the Laurier government. Tribuna published the following story which is believed to be about correct:

"The report is current today that Hon. Clifford Sifton, owner of the Free Press has disposed of the property to a syndicate of Winnipeg business men."

For some time it has been known that Mr. Sifton occupied a very compromising position. In the East he was opposing reciprocity, but in the West understanding that the feeling here was overwhelming for the agreement, he was loath to make his newspaper ridiculous in the eyes of the world by having it fly in the faces of public opinion and against the best interests of Western Canada. Further more, he could himself never dream of gratifying his own ambition by assuming the practical editorship.

The report goes therefore that he was anxious to sell and had sold out the property at a figure around the million mark. Much credence is placed in the rumor by those in well-informed political circles who have the syndicate is believed to be composed of Edward Brown former leader of the Liberal party in Manitoba; A. F. Fraser, a wealthy investor here and a retired Scotch barrister; and J. H. Ashdown, Liberal candidate for the Commons, all local millionaires, and John Eaton of Toronto.

SCHOONER BURNED MANY LIVES LOST

New York, Sept. 11.—Fourteen men were drowned in the sinking of the schooner Whisper, off the Nicaragua coast yesterday, according to cables received from Port Limon. The schooner, commanded by Capt. Winston Hall, carried a cargo of mahogany, caught fire and burned to the water's edge. An explosion of gasoline finally sent the ship to the bottom with all on board.

DID KIPLING WRITE THE ANTI-MESSAGE

London, Sept. 11.—Assertion of the press here believes that Rudyard Kipling never wrote 'that' telegram which appeared in the Montreal Star on Thursday.

Commenting on this the 'Leader' says: 'Unless the Montreal Star has been victimized by a bogus telegram, Kipling has been unburdening himself of the most astounding and mischievous nonsense, regarding reciprocity. Kipling does not explain where the 'ten to one' odds come in. The obvious view is that when two countries are exchanging market facilities the small country which gets the large market is doing much better for itself than the large market which gets the small market, and that is logically what it ought to be. From the protectionist viewpoint the United States is a very wicked country with a much higher percentage of murders than Canada, but if Canadian wheat goes free into the United States somehow or other the whole

ABSURDITY OF THE DISLOYALTY CRY

Winnipeg, Sept. 8.—Premier Arthur Sifton of Alberta is keeping up a vigorous campaign for reciprocity in the constituencies of southern Alberta, while his brother, Clifford Sifton, former Minister of the Interior, is campaigning against the plan with just as great energy in the eastern provinces. At a meeting in Teber, Premier Sifton said that reciprocity was not merely a matter of getting a few cents more per bushel one day for wheat or a better price for cattle; it meant that the farmers should have freedom of trade in the best markets, to sell at the best price offered at the time, and to have three or four competitors for his products instead of one or two, as at present.

It was further, a matter of populating prairies, he said, so that where Alberta had now only half a million it would have four million people, when the price of land would go up for it was population that made land valuable.

The Canadian Pacific Railway, under its original charter, had not been allowed to build branch lines near the United States border, but now it has been found it is profitable to build lines into the United States. Were the stockholders disloyal because of this? he asked. The Grand Trunk Railway financed by British money and ruled by British directors, on a line into the United States at Port States at Chicago, yet they could land another into the United States not be called disloyal; but farmers and ranchers and others who wish to sell their products to the United States are in danger of becoming disloyal!

Sir Edmund Walker, President of the Bank of Commerce of Toronto. Mr. Sifton said hinted that reciprocity would endanger the loyalty of the country, but the Bank of Commerce yearly moves three quarters of cotton crop of the United States, and the directors are not disloyal.

NOTED PHYSICIAN DEAD IN NEW YORK

New York, Sept. 11.—George Alexander Desantos, one of the best known physicians in this country, is dead of heart disease at his home here.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM INAUGURATED TODAY

St. John, Sept. 11.—The telephone system of train despatching went into operation on the Atlantic division of the C. P. R. today. Train master W. B. Brown has been promoted as assistant division superintendent to C. W. Burpee of Brownville. In future all the despatching for the division including St. John and Fredericton branches will be done from Brownville. St. John despatch office will be closed.

Mrs. Frank McCaffrey and Miss Fannie McCaffrey who have been visiting Mrs. D. Lenihan, King Street, returned to Boston this morning. Mrs. Lenihan accompanied them and will remain in Boston for the next three months.

crop of murderous propensities will be carried in Canada by the wheat trucks on their return journey.

CARLETON IS SOLID FOR F. B. CARVELL

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 10.—So many gathered at the Liberal club rooms Saturday evening to hear F. B. Carvell and Rev. J. J. McCaskill of St. John, that it was decided to hold the rally in the Hayden-Gibson theatre. This was done and in a very few minutes the body of the large theatre was well filled. In every way the meeting was most successful. The audience was large and attentive and the speakers in fine form, both winning frequent applause. The chairman was I. N. Draper, a former Conservative, who is supporting reciprocity.

Mr. McCaskill made an excellent impression with an interesting and logical speech. Among other points he took up the contention that the Democrats would have given the Dominion the same trade privileges as are offered by reciprocity without asking anything in return. This he showed was not the case. The Democratic policy would lower the duties to all the world, while reciprocity gives special advantages to Canada only.

He also reviewed the remarkable course of the present Conservative leaders in regard to reciprocity, emphasizing their unparalleled volte face.

Mr. McCaskill further pointed out that in the days of the reciprocity treaty of 1854 the population of the Maritime Provinces increased at a rate never since approached. It is only reasonable to expect that under the agreement now proposed there will be a similar increase in our population.

Another point emphasized was that the present contest is one which gives the common people a chance to gain their share of the advantages to which they are justly entitled, while reciprocity will not injure the classes which have so long been privileged.

F. B. CARVELL

Mr. Carvell discussed many phases of the agreement, showing that it must operate greatly to the advantage of all classes. To the farmer and lumberman and fisherman it will open a new free market and one which must be very profitable to them. He discussed in detail the case as regards a number of national products.

For years Canada has been shipping by far the greater part of its surplus of natural products to the United States in the face of duties. Take off those duties by reciprocity and there will be opportunity to ship to the same market at greater profit and there will be an incentive to increase production in this country, since the opportunity for sales will be so materially better.

Mr. Carvell also showed that the recent action of the imperial conference and the British government has removed all possibility of undue competition from the favored nations.

He severely scored Mr. Sifton and other campaigners in this country for their course declaring Canadian markets would be swamped by the favored nations under reciprocity, when those gentlemen knew full well that any such danger was made impossible at the imperial conference this summer.

A FALSE CANVASS

A local canvass being made against reciprocity to the effect that the recently burned woodworking factory here will not be rebuilt if reciprocity passes was also nailed by Mr. Carvell. He declared that there is no foundation for the report and went on to show that the reciprocity agreement will operate very much to the advantage of this factory by reducing the duty on lumber such as the plant turns out.

The case of the laboring man was also taken up. Mr. Carvell showed that the agreement does not affect clothing, groceries, etc., and consequently could not add to the cost of living in that way. On the other hand it will lessen the cost of fruit and will bring early fruits and early vegetables within the reach of people who, under present conditions, cannot afford them. More than this, reciprocity will certainly place more money in circulation in this country and the laboring man will have more wages. That this is so is abundantly borne out by the condition of the laboring men in Aroostook, many of whom have gone there from Carleton county because of the opportunities offered there.

CUBAN EDITORS IN DEADLY SCRAP

Havana, Sept. 11.—Ernesto Mendoza editor of El Tomate, made good the name of his paper yesterday by killing Rudolfo Fernandez, editor of the Guines de Rumbou. Both papers are published weekly at Guines, about 40 miles from Havana. The men met in a street in that town and Fernandez attacked Mendoza with a cane. The latter drew his revolver and shot Fernandez. The trouble arose over a newspaper controversy.

Why doesn't the hack organ explain why Mr. Stanley Douglas, one of the bulwarks in the Parish of Stanley of the Conservative party, declined to sign Mr. Crockett's nomination papers?

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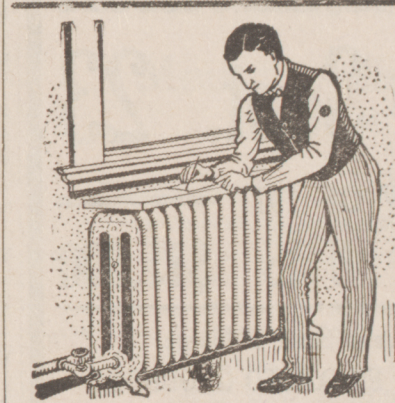
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