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THE FARMERS' PARLIAMENT

The Mail takes great pleasure in welcoming the farmers of New Brunswick, who are meeting here in annual convention. We sincerely hope that the brief sojourn here of the representative patrons of husbandry who have assembled from all parts of province will be an exceedingly pleasant one and that in the interchange of ideas they will gather much information that will be of everlasting benefit to them. Agriculture is the basis of all arts; it is by long odds New Brunswick's most important industry and is deserving of the greatest possible encouragement at the hands of the powers that be.

In the words of Dr. Robertson, "the man with the hoe is God's partner." His calling is a most noble one, but he has many difficulties and drawbacks to contend with. Every product of the farm is furnished by nature with something that gives it so that it will never be neglected. The grain crop is loved by the weevil, the Hessian fly and the chinch bug; the squash and the cucumber are loved by the squash bug; the cabbage is loved by the cut worm; the potato is idolized by the potato bug; the sweet corn is loved by the corn and the ant; the tomato shares with the cabbage the love of the cut worm; the plum is loved by the curculio; the apple is loved by the codling moth; too much sunshine is bad for the farmer; too much rain destroys his crops and so on and so forth all through the piece.

While agriculture has its drawbacks and discouragements, it also has its bright side. A well-to-do farmer is the most independent man in the country. True, he has to make hay while the sun shines, but he has a great deal to be thankful for. He lives close to nature, he breathes the pure air of Heaven and is in a sense, monarch of all he surveys. All that he asks for is a market for his products. Protective tariffs are of little or no benefit to him, but on the contrary, they increase the cost of labor and enhance the value of everything he has to buy, while the price of what he has to sell is regulated by the law of supply and demand. The farmers do not get a square deal from a protective tariff, and why any large proportion of them should countenance and support such a mistaken policy, is entirely beyond our comprehension. However, the recent pilgrimage to Ottawa by the farmers' delegation shows that there are signs of an awakening and that the day is not far distant when the men who till the soil will come into possession of their rights.

As before stated, agriculture is today New Brunswick's most important industry. Upon the prosperity of the farmers depends the prosperity of the whole country. In the words of William Jennings Bryan, "Burn down your cities and leave your farms and the cities will grow up again as if by magic; but burn down your farms and leave your cities and grass will grow in the streets of every city in this country." This is true of the United States and it applies with equal force to Canada.

We welcome the sturdy farmers of New Brunswick to Fredericton and sincerely hope that their sojourn in this, the most beautiful city in Canada, will be both pleasant and profitable.

Hon. Dr. Landry, in his speech at the Farmers' convention last night, advised the delegates to refrain from discussing the reciprocity question for fear that the impression might get

abroad that they were introducing politics into their deliberations. If it is right for Boards of Trade in Toronto and other cities to express themselves on reciprocity, why should the intelligent farmers of the country who stand to benefit so largely by the agreement with our neighbors to the South, refrain from letting the country have their views on a matter of such great importance to the producers of wealth. The "special interests" have bamboozled the farmers about long enough on the tariff question.

We commend to our readers the able and well considered address of Mr. S. B. Hatheway, president of the Farmers' and Dairymen's association of New Brunswick, which will be found on another page. Mr. Hatheway is one of the most wide awake agriculturists in the province and is the youngest president which the F. and D. Association has had during the thirty five years of its existence. Being a man of intelligence who wants to see agriculture prosper in New Brunswick it is but natural that he should heartily endorse the reciprocity agreement with the United States. Mr. Hatheway in his address touched upon a number of other important topics and threw out some suggestions which the government of the province can well afford to heed.

No cabinet minister in Canada was subjected to such vile abuse from the Tory press, as was heaped upon the head of Hon. Clifford Sifton, during occupancy of the post of Minister of the Interior in the Laurier cabinet. Now that he has declared against the reciprocity agreement we may expect to find the Tory papers big and little declaring that he is the ablest statesman in the British Empire.

Stratford Herald, (Con.):—Business generally was never so prosperous in Canada as today. Trade in all lines is brisk our foreign trade is growing by leaps and bounds; the marvellous development of Montreal harbor bears eloquent testimony to the expansion of our sea borne commerce

PERSONALS

Standard:—Mr. and Mrs. George E. Strange of Kingsclear, York county, arrived on the Boston express last night to visit their daughter, the wife of Capt. J. L. McKinney, Bridge street, North End.

Mr. Winslow Staples will leave for Montreal this evening.

Messrs. J. E. Giles and Donald Campbell will leave for the West tonight. It is their intention to locate there but they have not yet decided upon the location.

Mr. E. A. Schofield of the Schofield Paper Company of St. John, who conducts a model dairy farm at Hampton as a side line, is in the city attending the meeting of the F. and D. Association. Mr. Schofield is a brother of Rev. Dean Schofield.

Mr. James Robinson, ex-M.P.P., of Miramichi, is at the Barker House.

Hon. Robert Maxwell arrived in the city last night.

Messrs. J. R. Kirkpatrick and B. D. Hoyt of Debec, are at the Barker House.

Hon. J. K. Flemming of Hartland, is at the Barker House.

Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, surveyor general, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carter of Andover, are registered at the Barker House.

Mr. G. H. Cutler of the Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, is at the Queen.

Messrs. S. J. Moore and F. L. Fuller of Truro, are at the Barker House.

Mr. J. H. Haley of Windsor, N.S., is in the city.

Mr. George R. Williams of St. John's, Nfld., is registered at the Queen.

Mr. E. B. Nixon of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

THE LATE DR. MOWATT'S FAREWELL

"Farewell has an undertone of sadness in it. And yet it is worthy of notice, that the little word well, its optimism, is in both words—the word farewell, as well as the word welcome. A true farewell leaves things better than welcome found them, and so makes way for the better still to come. Such was the masters farewell, sore as it was for his followers to have him leave them. 'It is expedient for you that I go away.'"

"Finally brethren, farewell. Be perfected. Be comforted. Be of the same mind. Live in peace. And the God of love and peace shall be with you."

A. J. Mowatt
Speak the truth and shame the devil we are told. But the trouble is that if you speak the truth you are more than likely to raise the devil.

Hon. S. H. Blake on Trade and Loyalty

Mr. P. C. Larkin, whose letter approving of the agreement in favor of freer trade in natural products between Canada and the United States appeared in Saturday's Globe, has received from Hon. S. H. Blake the following note, with permission to publish it:—

Blake, Lash, Anglin & Cassels,
Barristers, Solicitors, etc.,
Canadian Bank of Commerce Building,
Cor. King and Jordan Sts.,
Toronto

Toronto, 18th February, 1911
P. C. Larkin, Esq., 11, Elm Avenue, Toronto:

My Dear Mr. Larkin,—I read with the greatest pleasure what appeared to me to be a most convincing letter from you in the morning papers of the day. It simply cannot be replied to. There has bulked up in my mind very largely a fact that I have not seen touched upon, and it is that nothing will go so far to make a people absolutely happy and contented and not look for a change as when they have work, reasonable remuneration, and sufficient food and clothing. Now, anything that will tend to bring these results will, therefore, be a vital element in Canada retaining its present position. Not only does Canada not look for a change from England to the United States, but it is absolutely distasteful to Canadians. If permitted to work on the lines that open to them such trade, business, and financial results as will conduce to their prosperity, then they will not think of any change of allegiance; but if they are thwarted in this respect, dissatisfaction will be introduced and change will be desired.

It is always very repulsive to me to find that so many men are now beginning to place the integrity of the British Empire upon the low platform of tariff, trade relations, preference, etc., as if some little change in duty or some little rearrangement of tariff considered to be necessary in the interest of either England or Canada should sever the ties of loyalty and degrade us to the low level of persons who desire to continue the union only because of some material advantage that may arise.

With all best wishes, faithfully yours,
(Signed) S. H. BLAKE

SECOND READING OF THE VETO BILL

London, Feb. 27.—The second reading of the lords' veto bill opened in the house of commons this afternoon. The discussion will occupy at least four days and a vote will not be taken before Thursday night, and possibly not until Friday.

Premier Asquith, having formally moved the second reading, the measures which is resigned to restrict the authority of the upper chamber over legislation originating in the house of commons, J. Austen Chamberlain moved a Unionist amendment to the effect that the house would welcome the introduction of a bill to reform the composition of the house of lords, while maintaining its independence as a second chamber, but declined to proceed with a measure which placed all effective legislative authority in the hands of a single chamber and offered no safeguard against grave changes made without Mr. Chamberlain declared that if the veto bill was the government's last word it could not pass. He appealed for a compromise in the spirit of last year's conference.

Richard Burdon Haldane, secretary at state for war, said that he regretted that circumstances having arisen necessitating the adoption of a written constitution bill. However, it had been forced upon the government which without it could make no progress in constitutional questions connected with Ireland. The government was pledged ultimately to the second chamber, but meanwhile the veto bill was an indispensable preliminary and the government would be false to its mission if they failed to risk their whole fortunes upon passing the present bill.

KINGS CLEAR

Leonard Taylor has returned from the lumber woods.

The farmers are very busy hauling their summer supply of ice.

Mr. John McKay has bought a very fine four year old colt from

We are glad to hear that Chester Robert Miller.

Dunphy is much better.

WILL TAKE COURSE

Carl Walker and Percy Vradenburgh today received official notice of their appointment to the 28th New Brunswick Dragoons and will leave tomorrow night for St. Johns, P. Q., where they will take a three months course.

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AN APPEAL TO CONSERVATIVES

Kingston, Feb. 25.—Mr. D. D. Rogers, former Patron M. P. for Frontenac, is asking the Conservative Association to put country before party at the convention and support reciprocity, and thus hold the goodwill of their brother toilers. He writes "The more competitors we have as purchasers for our produce, the less vexatious restrictions there are between buyers and seller the better it will be for all concerned. When all other arguments failed them, as a last resort they put forward the bogey of annexation. It is too ridiculous to consider seriously." He adds: "It is a surprise to me the stand the local governments of Ontario and Manitoba are taking in the matter. The party spirit must be strong in them and makes them squirm to part with the least principle of it."

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED

Arrangements have been practically completed for the opening of the legislature tomorrow afternoon. His Honor Lieutenant Governor Tweedie and Mrs. Tweedie arrived in the city this afternoon. The detachment of the Woodstock Field Battery which will fix the salute will reach the city by C. P. R. tonight. The guard of honor will be composed partly of "H" Company R. C. R. and partly of the 71st Regt. The guard will parade at the drill hall at 2.30 p. m. and will march to Parliament Square in time to be in position at three o'clock.

THE NAME OF THE LITTLE FELLOW

The name of the little fellow is unknown, but he was a young terrier that had run in front of an electric car in Halifax and had become bewildered. The motorman called to him, and would have stopped the car had it been possible, but the down grade made it difficult to come to a sudden halt. Most of the passengers were breathless, realizing the imminent danger of the little dog. A collie that was on the sidewalk grasped the situation and made a bold dash in front of the car. Seizing the terrier firmly by the collar, with one supreme effort he gave a strong pull, and in the nick of time his shaggy little friend was in a place of safety. That the onlookers appreciated the intelligence and bravery of the noble collie was apparent by hearty cheering as both dogs trotted together down the street.—Edith M. Russell, in "Our Dumb Animals."

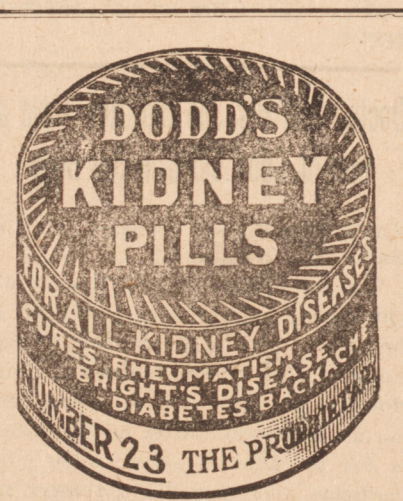
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RETURNING TO WEST.
Mr. Kenneth A. Dunphy of the maintenance department of the C.P. R., Calgary, who has been in the city for some days on a visit to his parents, will return to the West on Monday. He will remain a few days at both Montreal and Winnipeg on his way to Calgary.

WEEKLY ROLL-OFF.
The weekly roll-off at the Arctic Alleys took place last night and was won by Arthur Ring, with an average of 99.

U.N.B. MOCK TRIAL.
At the U.N.B. mock trial, which will take place on Saturday night, R. F. Eastman, '12, will be tried for robbing the mail which contained a letter addressed to a mail-order house in Toronto. H. G. Deedes, '11, will act as judge. Counsel for the prosecution will be R. B. Clarke, '11, and Royden Smith '12. Counsel for the defence will be H. C. Belyea, '11, and J. T. Herbert, '12.

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