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THE FARMER'S TURN

The Tory newspapers are showing wonderful solicitude for the farmers these days. In one breath they are telling them that the price of agricultural products are higher in Canada than in the United States and in the next they are telling them that reciprocity will make them disloyal to Great Britain. This practically means according to the Tory idea that if the farmer accepted the great boon which is now within his reach it would only whet his appetite for more and the result would be that Canada would eventually be gobbled up by the wicked Yankees. Anybody who knows anything of conditions in New Brunswick, knows that the farmers find the struggle hard enough. It is true they as a rule get fair prices for their products, but they get very little of what is called "easy money" labor from sunrise to sunset. They their occupation means hard manual labor to take chances on weather conditions, and they have to exercise eternal vigilance to prevent their crops from being destroyed by insect pests.

In order to get their produce to market many of them have to drive over bad roads for miles, which necessitates an early start from home. Farmers living fifteen to thirty miles from a railway, as many in York County do, cannot bring their produce to market in large quantities, therefore the cost of transportation eats up a good share of the profits. This of course greatly increases the cost per unit of production and marketing. Ask any level headed farmer and he will tell you that if the demand for what he raises was so keen that he could sell it in the field or at home he would be satisfied to accept a much less price than he now receives.

There is not the slightest doubt in the world but that the opening up of the great markets of the New England States would be a wonderful stimulus to agriculture in New Brunswick and both the producer and consumer would share in the benefits. Take the case of hay, for instance. The American duty is \$1 per ton. Supposing that were removed and the producer in New Brunswick and the buyer across the line should agree to go halves on it. One would get \$2 a ton more for his hay and the other would buy hay \$2 per ton cheaper.

The farmer is the most independent man in the world today. All the favor that he asks is a market for his products and he has a right to expect the government to assist in providing it. In the case of the Laurier government that is precisely what they are endeavoring to do today in the face of the most strenuous opposition and obstruction of the Tories. The policy of the Tories is "let well enough alone." In other words that means that the farmer must not increase his output from year to year. If he has boys growing up he must not encourage them to remain on the farms, as with a limited market there will be little or no chance for them to earn a living. The annual exodus to the west must go on, and rural districts of the province must continue to decline in population, as they have been doing almost continuously since the abrogation of the old reciprocity treaty. Surely the intelligent farmers of York county are not going to allow themselves to be hoodwinked by the annexation bugaboo of the Tories into rejecting the great boon of reciprocal trade with the United States. The annals of history fail to show where such an offer was ever rejected by any nation.

O. S. Crockett has had his turn.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., was unanimously renominated by a great convention of Liberals at Woodstock last evening. Mr. Carvell has represented his native county of Ottawa seven years and is recognized as one of the ablest members of the House of Commons. A sturdy fighter, who gives no quarter and asks for none, he is held in the highest esteem by Liberals all over Canada. The fine county of Carleton has every reason to be proud of its representative in the House of Commons. His triumphant re-election is assured.

Corner a Tory partizan on the reciprocity question and he will tell you that the farmers are themselves to blame for present conditions in the rural districts. This is a slander on the farmers. They raise all the produce that they believe themselves able to sell at a profit.

Hon. Mr. Balfour's motion of censure on the government for obtaining authority from the King to create new peers was defeated in the House of Commons yesterday by 119 majority.

Mr. T. A. Hartt, M. P. P., was nominated by the Conservatives of Charlotte yesterday. Mr. G. W. Gagnon, M. P., having declined to run. Mr. Todd should have an easy victory in Charlotte.

The Tory papers say that Mr. F. G. Haultain is addressing meetings of the party in Manitoba. We have not yet heard of his repudiating his endorsement of the reciprocity pact.

The gallant Colonel McCully continues to write lengthy effusions for the Chatham World against reciprocity. We are surprised that Commodore Stewart does not shut him off.

The Tories are boasting that they will carry five seats in New Brunswick. Eight Liberals to five Conservatives could scarcely be called a great victory.

"I will welcome the ratification of the reciprocity agreement" remarked one of Sunbury's most successful market gardeners to The Mail a few days ago.

Is there a man in Fredericton today who honestly believes that the rural districts of York County are prospering as they should prosper? Give the farmers reciprocity.

In the days of the old reciprocity treaty the farmers of York made money shipping produce to the United States. They will do it again if given access to that great market.

There is not a merchant doing business in the city of Fredericton who would not reap enormous benefits from reciprocity.

Even our old friend Mr. Pinder is said to be praying for reciprocity—Mr. Pinder is on the lath, Business, you know.

If we fail to get reciprocity what are the farmers of York going to do with their surplus this year?

The farmers of Sunbury County are going to vote for Col. McLean and reciprocity.

Farmers of York if you want prosperity and good times vote for reciprocity and the larger market.

No county in all Canada will derive greater benefits from reciprocity than York.

Let the farmers of York have their turn.

Laurier and the larger market.

MONSTER BALLOON BEING PLANNED

London, Aug. 7.—The Standard gives the details of the largest dirigible yet planned, which Japan is now building. It will be rigid and will have a length of six hundred feet and a diameter of a little over fifty feet. It will be equipped with six 120 horse-power motors and is expected to make thirty miles an hour against a forty mile wind. It will carry thirty passengers and a crew of ten.

Mrs. O. E. Perley has returned from a pleasant vacation trip to Margerville. Mr. Charles A. Owens, provincial manager of the Federal Life Assurance Company, is in the city today.

RAW MATERIAL FOR TORY PROPHETS TO WORK WITH

Majority of the Government when the House was Dissolved was Forty-three-- Tories Would Have to Show a Gain of Twenty-three Seats to Wipe this out-- Ontario's Record Since Confederation

(Toronto Globe.) The end of the first week's campaigning finds the Conservatives bragging in a most Falstaffian fashion, but when the texts from which the new book of the prophets has been compiled are examined there seems to be a repetition of the conditions of 1908. The Tories of Ontario expect a sweeping victory in Quebec, and the Tories of Quebec expect a sweeping victory in Ontario. It is always on some distant horizon that the sun of victory is rising.

It is worth while getting a grip on the essential facts of the political situation as a preliminary to passing judgment on the work of the election prophets. The standing of the parties in the House of Commons at dissolution was as follows: Ontario—Liberals, 35; Conservatives, 51. Quebec—Liberals, 53; Conservatives, 12. New Brunswick—Liberals, 11; Conservatives, 2. Nova Scotia—Liberals, 12; Conservatives, 6. Prince Edward Island—Liberals, 3; Conservatives, 1. Manitoba—Liberals, 2; Conservatives, 8. British Columbia—Liberals, 2; Conservatives, 5. Saskatchewan—Liberals, 9; Conservatives, 1. Alberta—Liberals, 4; Conservatives, 3. Yukon—Liberals, 1.

This gives the government a majority of 43. To wipe out this majority and bring about political chaos the Conservatives must win 22 seats. To get enough of a majority to organize the House they would need to add 25 to their present representation of 89. This would give them 114 members in a House of 221, or six of a majority, with the speaker in the chair.

Where are they going to get them? Mr. Fielding recently said that on a reciprocity issue there was not a single safe Conservative seat in the three Atlantic provinces. No one who knows anything of the situation there expects more than nine Conservatives, the present representation, out of 35 seats. This gives a Liberal majority of seventeen.

In the provinces west of the Great Lakes there are also 35 seats held at present by eighteen Liberals and seventeen Conservatives. Without going into details we may express the view that the Liberals will hold twenty of these western seats when the contest ends—a majority of five.

In Ontario and Quebec, the real fighting ground, the Conservatives must secure twenty-two more seats than the Liberals to equal the latter in the new House. Ask the election prophets to give you a list of those probable Tory wins, and watch them try to figure it out.

In Quebec it is probable that the alliance of Monk and Bourassa will somewhat increase the Conservative strength. The highest estimate we have seen is that of The Ottawa Citizen: 27 Conservatives and Nationalists out of 65 seats. This looks like a rather steep order for Monk and Bourassa to handle. Here is the Conservative membership from Quebec at the various elections since Laurier became leader of the Liberal party:

1891, 30.
1896, 16.
1900, 7.
1904, 11.
1908, 11.

To jump from 11 to 27 would be a good deal of a political revolution. But, conceding the 27, there would still be a Liberal majority of 11 from Quebec to add to the twenty-one from the eastern and western provinces.

The Conservatives, therefore, at the best, and on their own estimates, will come into Ontario with an adverse majority of 33. They must get 60 out of the 86 seats in this province to equal the Liberals, and 64 before they can organize a government. Now what are the facts as to Ontario? Even in 1878 the Tories carried only 59 seats—a majority of 30. At dissolution their majority was 16. They have among their present holding of 51 seats no less than 20 with majorities of less than 250. Here is the list:

East Algoma, 41.
West Algoma, 209.
South Bruce, 193.
East Elgin, 247.
North Essex, 84.
North Grey, 146.
Haldimand, 246.
Halton, 212.
East Huron, 83.
West Huron, 62.
North Lanark, 6.
Lennox and Addington, 154.
Lincoln, 249.
East Middlesex, 249.
Nipissing, 21.
East Northumberland, 196.
North Ontario, 200.
North Simcoe, 51.
Centre Toronto, 187.
Centre York, 45.

The Liberal seats held by majorities of less than 250 are sixteen in number:

Brant, 245.
Brantford, 205.
Brockville, 144.
South Grey, 87.
South Huron, 154.
West Kent, 82.
West Lambton, 246.
North Middlesex, 63.
West Middlesex, 156.
West Northumberland, 130.
South Ontario, 243.
South Oxford, 124.
South Oxford, 93.
North Perth, 41.
South Perth, 29.
Prince Edward, 137.

Let anyone glance over these two lists and see who is going to make gains in Ontario on September 21. It looks like a pretty safe estimate to increase the Liberal representation from 35 to 40 or 42 on an issue like reciprocity. A clear Liberal majority in Ontario is expected by some who have proved themselves good prophets in the past.

On the Tories' own figures Laurier and larger markets will win.

CAMPAIGN NOTES

An Ottawa despatch says:—Sir Allan Aylesworth, after six years of splendid public service to Canada, first as postmaster general, and for the past five years as minister of justice, is retiring from the government and has definitely notified the North York Liberal Association that he will not again be a candidate. He will be succeeded by Mr. Hugh Guthrie, M. P.

Col. McLean opened his campaign at Queen's-Sunbury today with a public meeting at Chipman.

The Liberals of Kings-Albert will meet in convention at Sussex tomorrow to nominate a candidate.

The Manitoba government having failed to revise the voters' lists within a year as required by law, the Dominion government has ordered the work to be done by county court judges.

Miss Sarah McDermott and Miss Alice Jepson, of New York, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cremin.

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THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND RECIPROCITY

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