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## YORK COUNTY'S OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Alfred B. Atherton, New Brunswick's most noted physician, will have the honor of redeeming York from Toryism at the approaching Dominion election. This matter was settled on Saturday afternoon when he was unanimously nominated at the most magnificent convention ever held in this city, and consented to become the party standard bearer. It is little wonder that the nominating committee's report submitted after brief deliberation was a signal for an outburst of enthusiasm the like of which has never been witnessed at a political gathering in this old metropolitan constituency. It was not a cut and dried program that was carried out at the convention. Representative men from all parts of the County assembled at the call of Ald. Edward Moore president of the York Liberal association to choose a standard bearer and although it was known that there was some excellent material available nobody was in a position to say when the convention was called to order just where the honor of leadership would be conferred. The delegates were animated by but one feeling and that was to select the strongest man available. Right nobly did they perform the duty assigned to them.

The news of Dr. Atherton's nomination spread like wildfire about the city and was the principal topic for discussion during the evening. Liberals everywhere received the announcement with the greatest enthusiasm, while it had a most depressing effect on men of the opposite political faith who had been led by their party heeled to expect a walk over in this constituency. With the united support of the Liberal party and with the votes of hundreds who support men rather than party, the County of York which has been wandering in the wilderness of Toryism all too long will be gloriously redeemed on September 21st.

Nothing but the supreme importance of the issue now before the Canadian electorate and a commendable desire to render a service to his native county beyond the scope of his noble profession, could have induced Dr. Atherton to make the personal sacrifice which his entrance into the stormy arena of political life will involve. He has never been a political partizan, but naturally enough his sympathies have been with the historic Liberal party, which for the past fifteen years has given Canada the best and most progressive government it has ever known. He has already reached the highest pinnacle in the medical profession and as a surgeon has few equals and no superiors in all Canada. In the counties of Central New Brunswick where he has diligently practised his profession for many years, his name is a household word. As a man and citizen his record is unchallenged and unchallengeable. Imbued with the highest ideals he has ever been a power for good in the community, and no professional man or layman is so universally esteemed. York County was never blessed with a nobler son and the entrance of such a man into public life at this time is a distinct gain to the Liberal party and a wonderful testimonial to the soundness of the policy on which it is now appealing for a renewal of public confidence. A cause which brings a man of the splendid type of Dr. Atherton to the front prepared to take up the gauntlet of battle for it is one which no man need be ashamed to espouse or support. His acceptance of the Liberal candidature

in York has been an inspiration to the party workers and under his able leadership they will go forth to battle with an enthusiasm and determination that will sweep the old county back into the Liberal fold on the 21st of next month.

The question of reciprocity, the paramount issue before the Canadian electorate today, is one in which the people of York County should have a vital interest. As a border county, whose chief industries are lumbering and agriculture, York has all to gain and nothing to lose from freer trade relations with the great American Republic. For years our trade with the New England States, our natural market, has been hampered by a hostile tariff. Our population has not increased, our resources have not been developed and so great has been the exodus that today there is scarcely a family in the county which is not represented in the west or New England States by one or more of its members.

Tory orators may fume and shout about annexation, but it will be a difficult task for them to make the sober, right thinking men of York believe that the interests of this county will be served by adopting a policy of "let well enough alone." We have been carrying out that policy all too long and stagnation has been the result. The time has arrived when the people of York demand a change, and they see in Reciprocity the goal that will lead to increased development and better times. Once give the farmers of York access to the great markets of the United States and we have no hesitation in saying that our exports of agricultural produce will quadruple inside of four years. That will mean that there will be four times as much money brought into the country in exchange for products of the farm, as there is today. The farmer will benefit, the farm laborers will benefit, the country trader will benefit, the city merchant will benefit, the transportation companies will benefit, and an indirect benefit will be felt by all other interests in the community. The removal of \$1.25 per thousand, the present duty on rough lumber entering the United States will give a great stimulus to the lumbering industry in York. It means that the man who operates a mill and ships one million feet of lumber to the United States, will have an additional \$1,250 from the transaction for himself and employees. This will mean something to the hundreds of young men in the different parishes who spend their winters in the lumber woods and those who now find it necessary to go to Maine and New Hampshire will secure profitable employment at home. Reciprocity will mean the dawn of a new era for York County and there are many signs which go to show that hitherto staunch Conservatives are going to throw aside their party allegiance on this occasion and join with their Liberal friends in striking a blow for York and progress by casting their ballots for reciprocity.

Between Oswald S. Crockett on the one side and Dr. Atherton on the other, the intelligent electors of York—those who have the true interests of the county at stake—should have very little difficulty in making a choice. Mr. Crockett is a time-serving politician, who in his seven years at Ottawa has failed to accomplish anything for the good of the constituency. He has promoted no legislation nor has he advanced a single idea calculated to improve the condition of the farmers, merchants or artisans of his constituency. His time and energy have been devoted to scandal mongering and traducing men better than himself in an effort to obtain a little cheap notoriety. The Conservative party and the County of York owe O. S. Crockett absolutely nothing. He has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. The time has arrived when he should, in the interests of the county, be replaced by a better man. In Dr. Atherton the people of York have a gentleman of intelligence and high character, who is in every way well qualified to represent them in the Parliament of Canada. He may not take up as much space in Hansard as our late member, but he can be counted on to do all in his power to advance the interests of the county. Those who enjoy the acquaintance of Dr. Atherton, the future member for York, know that he is not the type of man who will give a hide bound support to any government on questions that do not commend themselves to his

DR. ATHERTON  
THE MAN FOR YORK

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It would be churlish to refuse the proffered hand. The Yankees had promised to do better in the future. (Laughter.)

There could be no doubt that Reciprocity would benefit the farmers of York County. Since early youth he had been closely connected with farmers and farming. Brought up in a farmer's hotel in his early youth he had often heard of the reciprocity pact which had been in force in the Fifties and Sixties praised as the source of great prosperity to New Brunswick (Cheere) When an issue of so great import to the country, an issue that had received the stamp of approval of the great men of both parties in the past, something that had proved of tremendous benefit to the country in bygone years—had been made a matter of party consideration of the Conservatives he had been utterly surprised. He could not help holding the opinion that in their hearts the great mass of the Conservative party despite their protestations to the contrary supported Reciprocity and hoped it would come to pass (Hear, Hear!) If there was any part of Canada that would benefit from the passage of the treaty for reciprocal trade relations it was the Maritime Provinces. (Prolonged applause.)

better judgment. He is an independent man and unlike some politicians whom we could name, can derive a larger income from his profession than he can ever hope to obtain from politics. He wants no office, he has no axe to grind, and in entering public life he is actuated by the sole desire to serve his fellow citizens of the County of York, among whom he has spent nearly his whole life, and among whom he has practised the profession he loves so well, a profession which he honors and adorns.

Electors of York, let Atherton, reciprocity and victory be your watchword during this campaign. We commend to our readers the able and trenchant speech of Senator King, delivered at the York Liberal convention, a report of which will be found in this issue. Senator King, who is remarkably well informed on tariff matters, talked straight to the farmers and lumbermen in the audience, and his words had a most marked effect upon them. The arguments which he advanced in favor of reciprocity as a measure designed for the public good are unanswerable.

Why are the Tories so anxious for an election at the present time? Because they know that reciprocity is such a good thing for the country that if an election took place in two years time their party would be almost swept out of existence.

The United States department of agriculture reports a very large shortage in their season's potato crop. With reciprocity the York County farmer will have a profitable market for his surplus stock.

The farmers of the United States and every farm journal in that country opposed the reciprocity agreement. They did not want the Canadian farmer to have free entry into their market.

Why are the Tories so anxious for an election? Because they are afraid to give reciprocity a trial.

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## SENATOR KING

The address of Senator King on reciprocity with the United States of America was one which made every man of the throng that was present realize just what reciprocity would mean to him. The Senator with his extensive knowledge of lumbering and farming conditions in this province was able in the simplest yet most graphic manner to show what an immense advantage to the Maritime Provinces better trade with the United States would be. The style of the address can be no better described than by the words used by the senator early in his speech—"I am not an orator I am here to talk business."

Every Tory orator was saying that Canada was prosperous and to let well enough alone. With such testimony as to the ability of the Laurier administration it was entirely unnecessary for him to defend that government which had been in power for the past fifteen years. He would devote the time to the issue of the hour—Reciprocity.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

The speaker stated that he himself had lived in that time in which reciprocity was a matter of debate.

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Mr. Pinder says potatoes are selling in the United States for \$1.00 a barrel. The next thing he will be telling us is that spruce boards are selling for \$5.00 a thousand.

A statesman does the best he can for his country, a politician the best he can for his party. The Conservative statesmen appear to be all dead.

Mr. Farmer, the New England states is your natural market. You can sell your surplus products in that market at profitable prices.

The farmers of the United States are contributing to the Tory campaign fund. They don't want reciprocity with Canada.

Mr. O. S. Crockett, who has been barnstorming in Carleton County, arrived home on Saturday evening, and home he will remain.

A medical doctor who has made good in his profession is sure to make an exceptionally strong political candidate.

It will be hard to convince the intelligent electors of York that Dr. Atherton is not quite as loyal as O. S. Crockett.

The Englishman says there is no sentiment in trade. He buys and sells in every market in the globe.

The Tories are against anything American except their boodle fund, with which to fight reciprocity.

Mr. Farmer, the day reciprocity becomes law in Canada, your farm doubles in value.

When the Tory organ awakens on the 23rd from its lovely dream, my what a shock!

Reciprocity will bring the boys back home.

Support your own interests, and vote for reciprocity.

Mr. Farmer, reciprocity will double the value of your farm.

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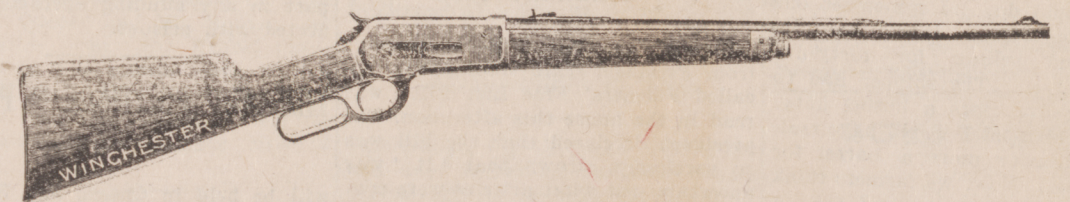


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"But, as in Britain, so in Canada. As in matters of caste privilege, so in matters of trade. Abuse must lead to battle, and the people's battle can result in no other end than victory."—Sir Alan Aylesworth at Newmarket.

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