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## DOMINION ELECTION

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Reciprocity Candidate for York  
**ALFRED B. ATHERTON, M. D.**

### THE BELL WETHER

It is not on record that Hon. W. J. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary of Ontario is campaigning with Hon. Clifford Sifton the new Moses of the Conservative party. It is known that Mr. Hanna three years ago did not have a very high opinion of Mr. Sifton. He referred to him in every speech which he delivered during the campaign of that year denouncing him as a boodler and grafter who embodied in his make up all that was bad in public life. Here are a few gems from a speech with Mr. Hanna delivered at Dundas on Oct. 17th, 1910:

"He (Sir Wilfrid) assures us that he will take care of the BLACK SHEEP. The dominant spirit of the Liberal party today is CLIFFORD SIFTON. What is Sir Wilfrid Laurier doing with him? Though not in the government at the present moment, he dominates it as completely as if he were. Who can doubt his present position, and that should Sir Wilfrid be returned Sifton will again be in command? His ability no one questions. THAT HE IS UTTERLY DEVOID OF POLITICAL MORALITY IN HIS METHODS NO ONE ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS WILL DISPUTE.

"The old saying that all roads lead to Rome should in Canada just now read, ALL SCANDAL TRAILS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR LEAD TO SIFTON. THE MISGOVERNMENT OF THE YUKON UNDER SIFTON WAS SO GREAT AS TO ALMOST CAUSE A REBELLION THERE.

"We are being told today in a leading American Journal that Sifton MADE ALL HIS GREAT WEALTH WHICH HE HAS ACQUIRED SINCE HE TOOK office by private speculation. Does any one think for a moment that Sifton has to an American Journal or to any one else disclosed the source of his fabulous wealth? His conduct leaves us to guess.

"It is Sifton who is today interested in the All Red Route, which would not be one tenth as serviceable to the people of the country as cheaper freight rates and a proper system of cold storage.

Can anyone doubt that should Sir Wilfrid Laurier be returned to power THE BELL WETHER OF HIS BLACK SHEEP would be in command? The methods that have disgraced the Department of the interior, that have despoiled our domain, and fished from the pockets of the people of the Dominion millions of dollars for the benefit of friend and relatives of Mr. Sifton will go unchecked Can anyone doubt that

should Sir Wilfrid Laurier be returned Sifton, THE MAN WHO HAS AMASSED HIS MILLIONS DURING THE FEW YEARS HE HAS BEEN IN POWER AT OTTAWA, AND TO WHOSE DOOR THESE TRANSACTIONS HAVE STEP BY STEP, BEEN TRACED, will again be in command if you let him and Sir Wilfrid Laurier finish the work.

He (Sifton) is certainly in command today. He is in charge of the campaign. HE IS DOMINATING IT FROM THE END OF THE COUNTRY TO THE OTHER. He is directing the Candidates. He has in his service and command with open pockets the men who bear the policy of Mr. Borden—investigation and restitution."

The Mail takes pleasure in commending the above to the Fredericton graft organ which recently published a two page report of Mr. Sifton's speech at Woodstock and referred to him as "the greatest Canadian expert on Conservation." It is worthy of note that Mr. Sifton is now dominating the Tory campaign from one end of the country to the other. It is his lead that the Tories are following in the reciprocity question.

### AS TO RECIPROCITY

In a certain novel by a famous author it is declared that "Let well enough alone" is "The motto of the great army of those who drift." The sentiment in one which may be commended by those opponents of reciprocity who cry out that because Canada has been doing well so effort should be made to open up new markets and thus give the people of the Dominion an opportunity of meeting with a still larger measure of prosperity.

Surely, it is foolish philosophy which would teach people to rest content with what they have accomplished. They cannot be standing still, for all activities, national as well as individual, there are two possibilities—progression or retrogression. There is no middle course. To hold what may seem to be a middle course is in reality to drift into retrogression. The drifting may be slow; it is nevertheless certain.

Frenzied arguments prepared to serve the purpose of special commercial and industrial interests or to serve political party from renewed defeat may be given circulation. But are the people of the Dominion to be deceived? They are more intelligent than persons who put forward such arguments as those suggested apparently believing them to be. They see that the opening of new and profitable markets in natural products must result in greater prosperity for the men of Canada who have these products to sell. They see that the opening of the market of ninety millions of people must be of immensely greater benefit to the country of seven or eight millions of people than the opening of the market of the larger nation can be to the smaller country. Moreover the remembrance of the great benefit which came to the Dominion at the time the Elgin-Marcy reciprocity arrangement was in force years ago is still strong with many people of this country. Indeed even such an authority as a Conservative member of the Commons quoted figures in the House recently showing that the growth of Canada's trade during the Elgin-Marcy arrangement was far greater than the increase in the trade of the republic with this country during the same period.

Canadian farmers and lumbermen and fishermen and other citizens who view matters through the spectacles of common sense rather than the distorting lenses of political prejudices are not apt to be led astray by the specious and selfish cries of politicians and the agents of the "interests." Reciprocity sentiment is gaining not diminishing in this country. A measure of the same free trade which has made England great will not wipe away the prosperity of the Dominion.

Hon. George E. Foster, at the Opera House, is reported to have said: "In Great Britain we have a mother's market, in the United States it would at best be a step-mother's market." Talk is cheap, especially with Mr. Foster. But we would like to know why the farmers of York send their hay and potatoes to the American market in the face of a high tariff wall, instead of sending them to England, where there is a market free to all the world. And why don't Mr. Pinder send his laths to the "mother's market?"

### TWO SIDES TO IT

Solicitor General McLeod, who pretends to discuss reciprocity from an economic standpoint, said in his speech at the Opera House: "In the United States they had wasted their own raw material and now wanted to take our products, giving our people the low wages paid to unskilled workmen for loading it upon the cars and then carry it to the United States to be manufactured by highly paid skilled workmen." If the Solicitor General would go up to Marysville and interview the manager of the cotton mill he would find out that raw cotton picked by negroes in the Southern States is brought into Canada free of duty and manufactured at Marysville by the most efficient staff of textile workers to be found in all Canada. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If it is wrong to ship rough lumber and pulpwood to the United States, it is wrong to import raw cotton from that country. If Mr. McLeod would consult his brother-in-law, or some other man who knows something about the lumbering industry and act on his advice, he would not make himself ridiculous every time he attempts to talk on reciprocity.

The local graft organ is greatly interested in an offer of \$25,000 reward made by The Montreal Star "for information that will trace to its source the enormous campaign fund sent from the United States." We know of nobody so well qualified from experience to trace a boodle fund to its source as the editor of the local graft organ. Should he need any assistance no doubt Mr. Pinder's services could be procured.

Fate seems to be against Hon. Donald Morrison, the Tory candidate in Northumberland. His automobile got caught on a crossing at Boiestown and was struck by a train. The Tory organ tells us that the Hon. Donald had a mile to go to his meeting, but as the roads were very muddy and a heavy rain prevailed, it is not known where the meeting was held.

Hon. George E. Foster's speech at the Opera House was a bitter disappointment. The audience which assembled to hear him really expected to hear something better than the stock arguments against reciprocity advanced by small bore politicians like O. S. Crockett, who do not know any better.

The learned Solicitor General says that "on the 21st of September the people of Canada would be asked to decide whether they would pursue the policy laid down by Sir John Macdonald." Sir John, right up to the time of his death, was in favor of reciprocity in natural products and he was not disloyal either.

The fact that Mr. William Lemont once took Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and Mr. J. K. Pinder once wore a bib and tucker, was cited by Hon. Mr. Foster as an argument against reciprocity. Had they been content to "let well enough alone," Mr. Lemont would still be taking soothing syrup and Mr. Pinder would be wearing a bib and tucker.

The Conservative farmer who believes that reciprocity will benefit him and his business should vote for it. By doing so he will not be changing his politics but only his vote.

The ultra loyal Tories are banking on the support of the un-British Nationalists of Quebec to assist them in defeating reciprocity.

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The demonstration work carried on in these orchards this spring and summer by the provincial department of agriculture will be reviewed and discussed. Demonstrations of the proper grading and packing of apples in boxes and barrels will be given. The meetings will be in charge of A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturist. Everybody interested in apple growing is invited to attend.

Tory orators tell us in one breath that the United States has a surplus of farm products and therefore reciprocity will be of no benefit to our farmers and in the next breath they tell us that traffic will be diverted from east and west to north and south. How do they reconcile the two statements?

Mr. O. S. Crockett failed to show up at the Foster meeting here on Monday and no tangible excuse was given for his absence. Was he afraid that praise of the National policy, which he once told Foster to his face discriminated against Great Britain, might embarrass him?

The Tory candidate in York has of late become much concerned over the welfare of Fredericton industries. How many men who occupied seats on the platform at the Tory meeting have a single dollar invested in a live Fredericton industry?

"I was disappointed in Foster," remarked a Conservative who attended the Tory meeting, to The Mail. "He had the wrong side of the reciprocity question and was seriously handicapped."

The men who are going about declaring that the farmers of York cannot grow hay and potatoes, etc., good enough for the American market are liars and slanderers, and deserve to be treated as such.

Mr. Foster's talk about the "mother's market" in England, will scarcely arouse enthusiasm among York County lumbermen, who find it necessary to ship their produce to the United States in order to sell it.

Every time Tory speakers in York talk on reciprocity in public, the Liberal party gathers in some recruits. The reason for this is that Tory arguments against reciprocity are not based on common sense.

"If reciprocity is defeated I will cut two million feet of lumber next winter; if it is carried I will cut five millions." This observation was made by a prominent York County lumberman a few days ago.

From 1881 to 1891 when the Tories were busy building up a "home market" for the farmers under the National Policy, the population of New Brunswick increased by thirty souls.

Mr. Foster in his speech here on Monday carefully avoided any reference to the effect of reciprocity on the lumbering industry which is of so much importance to York County.

Fourteen hundred sturdy electors of Carleton and Victoria County, headed by Mr. F. B. Carvell, travelled by special train to St. John Monday to greet Sir Wilfrid Laurier. And yet the Tory papers are telling us that Carvell is all in.

The loyalty talk of Tory spouters is positively nauseating.

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