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EX.-PRES. MARITIME BOARD DISCUSSES RECIPROCITY

Capt. Joseph Read of Summerside, Advances Strong Arguments in Favor of the Pact--Would Enormously Benefit Potato Growers of Maritime Provinces--Tory Arguments Swept Away

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 29—Captain Joseph Read, head of the firm of Joseph Read & Company, Ltd., Summerside, P. E. Island, a man of wide experience in trade, and who is eminently qualified to speak on the question of reciprocity, when interviewed by your correspondent, during his stay in Moncton as a delegate to the Maritime Board of Trade, of which he is a former president, expressed himself as emphatically in favor of the agreement.

"The reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States," said Captain Read, "is in my opinion the best move ever made in the interests of the Maritime Provinces. Those of us who actually know how much better we are getting of the bargain have kept very quiet pending its passage by the U. S. Senate."

"This agreement," he said "is altogether in favor of Canada. It is far more favorable than has yet been pointed out. For instance, the very cry that has been set up by some of the anti-reciprocity people that if we had waited long enough the Democrats would have given us free trade without any concession on our part, shows that the people who are undertaking to instruct the public do not understand the nature of the agreement. It would be of very little advantage to Canada to have the Democrats adopt free trade, because under free trade, as under their free list bill, just passed by the Americans, the Canadian producers would be put in competition with the world. But this agreement not only gives us free trade with the United States—it gives us protection against the world. For instance, if New Brunswick ships, as it will have to ship, hundreds of thousands of bushels of potatoes to the United States, under reciprocity that will be protected from the European potato grower by a twenty-five cents a bushel tariff wall against the foreigner. People do not appear to half realize what this means. In my business as a shipper of potatoes, I have been receiving sixty cents per bushel in P. E. Island by the 100,000 bushel lot, climbing a tariff wall of twenty-five cents per bushel, paying exorbitant freight rates—which will be very much minimized under reciprocity—but finding in the New York market that I have been competing with Germany which produces one thousand and seven hundred million bushels in a single year, and whose dealers were getting freight-rates on the great ocean steamers coming across with passengers at little more than half what we were paying. At the very day on which I made my last sale of potatoes at this price 500,000 bushels of potatoes entered the port of New York. Remember, this was in one day, an amount equal to one-half the whole export of P. E. Island. Germany's annual production is five times as much as both Canada and the United States produce in a year. Under reciprocity we will have the advantage of the twenty-five cents duty per bushel over these tremendous competitors. This is where the reciprocity agreement is vastly more valuable than any free trade market the Democrats could have given us, because under the favored nation clause the United States could not give us free trade without giving it to the world, unless we made a reciprocal concession. I need not point out also that the rate of duties going into the United States and the rate of duties coming into Canada are also very much in favor of Canada in the bargain. For instance, they are rebating twenty-five cents a bushel duty on potatoes while we are only rebating fifteen cents a bushel. They are rebating five cents a dozen on eggs, while we are rebating only three cents; and so on through nearly the whole schedule. Another point which has not been brought out, and which the Tories are actually using as an argument against the agreement. While Uncle Sam is protecting us from the world we are not protecting them in the markets. For instance, the provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island with their sixteen to twenty millions of bushels of potatoes in a year of scarcity, could ship every bushel grown in these provinces to the United States, and make a tremendous profit by importing potatoes from Europe free of duty. In other words, the silly cry of the Tory press ABOUT THE MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSE, AS IT APPLIES TO CANADA, IS THE MOST EMPHATICALLY IN FAVOR OF CANADA OF ANY ELEMENTS IN THE AGREEMENT. WE COULD FEED OUR CUSTOMERS ON POTATOES FROM EUROPE, COSTING TWENTY FIVE CENTS LESS PER BUSHEL THAN BOSTON OR NEW YORK

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Capt. Read in conclusion said: "IF OUR PEOPLE WOULD LEARN THE LESSONS OF HISTORY, WOULD STUDY THE EFFORTS FOR CIVIL LIBERTY, WOULD EXAMINE THE ECONOMIES INVOLVED IN THE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT, WOULD VOTE IN THE INTERESTS OF THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEIR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, THERE IS NOT A TORY CANDIDATE IN ALL CANADA WHO WOULD SAVE HIS DEPOSIT."

MR. SIFTON MAKES WILD STATEMENTS

St. John, Aug. 30—Hon. Clifford Sifton outlined his objections to reciprocity before a large crowd, including hundreds of strong Liberals who went out of curiosity, in the Queen's rink last night. People had gathered curiously to see the man who had deserted his party and so far misjudged the sentiments of the country that he had to travel thousands of miles from his home before he could expect a sympathetic hearing in his new role.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, who acted as chairman, declared that the unprecedented interest in the present campaign was due to the anxiety of the people to learn the truth about reciprocity which he characterized as the first step in a plot to hand Canada over to the United States. In introducing Hon. Mr. Sifton he described him as the man who had done so much to defeat the Conservative party in 1896.

Mr. Sifton, introduced by the chairman, said that he was here to give the reasons why he was opposing reciprocity. He explained that he was not influenced by party feeling for if so he would be supporting the Liberal policy.

Although Mr. Sifton spoke for almost two hours, it was noticed that he carefully avoided all reference to the effects of reciprocity on lumber or fish, articles with which the electors of this city and province are vitally interested.

Mr. Sifton traced the growth of the policy of protection in Canada and ascribed it to the country's present prosperity and the development of the home market which now has reached such proportions as to absorb 85 per cent. of our farm products. That the government should have accepted reciprocity to avoid a threatened American surtax was, he said, merely a foretaste of the domination which Canada must fear under such an arrangement with the United States.

The fact that the great Conservative leaders had in the past advocated this policy he dismissed lightly, saying that as they had all been dead for a quarter of a century they were not in a position to give up-to-date advice on this question on account of the great change in trade conditions.

The Conservative candidates, Dr. J. W. Daniel and H. A. Powell, K. C., followed with brief speeches devoted chiefly to reciprocity.

SEATS FOR "BABY MINE" SELLING FAST

If it is true that a good hearty laugh saves a man many a doctor's bill, "Baby Mine," the laugh of the century (which comes to Fredericton for the first time Friday) will enable every playgoer to add a long list of credits to his medicine accounts. Laughter holding both sides but ill expresses the condition of an audience witnessing "Baby Mine." A young wife, in order to win back the affection of her husband, is persuaded by some friends to adopt heroic measures to bring about the return of the wanderer. Then ensue a series of mistakes complications which make the audience roar with delight. Go to the Opera House and see how Mr. and Mrs. Jinks, aided and abetted by the young wife accomplish the return of her husband, and if you simply don't scream at the spectacle cannot be dealt with in cold print it is too funny. William A. Brady, Ltd., directs the tour.

Mr. G. F. Armstrong of Montreal, is in the city.

SIR WILFRID WEL- COMED AT HALIFAX

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aid and vote for reciprocity. It was the policy of both parties down to January, 1911, when the Liberal government presented the tariff agreement to the House."

Referring to the Tory predictions that Quebec would forsake Liberalism, Sir Wilfrid said "If I were as sure of Nova Scotia as I am of Quebec, and as sure of Ontario as I am of Nova Scotia, then I would carry the country by a larger majority than ever before."

The crowd called for Hon. Mr. Fielding and he responded with a vigorous address.

Hon. Chas. Maclellan, speaker of the House of Commons also spoke briefly. He referred to the demonstration in St. John as being the greatest in the history of New Brunswick and an indication that the wave of Liberalism will sweep the country on September 21st.

Sir Wilfrid spent the forenoon quietly at Halifax Hotel. This afternoon he will be the guest of the exhibition association and formally opened the Nova Scotia provincial exhibition. Tonight he will address a mass meeting in the Arena Rink where accommodation will be provided for eight thousand people.

MET SIR WILFRID

Mr. Duncan L. Kelly a veteran Liberal of this city who went to St. John to attend the Laurier demonstration returned home last evening. Mr. Kelly had the pleasure of a handshake with Sir Wilfrid who remained chatting with him for several minutes.

LARGE COUNTRY MARKET

The mid-week market today was well attended and prices of some lines of farm produce displayed a tendency to drop. Prices ruled as follows: butter 22 to 24 cts per lb; eggs, 20 to 22 cts per doz; potatoes \$1.00 per bbl; high-bush cranberries 25 cts per peck; lamb 8 to 12 cts per lb.

REVISITING FREDERICTON

Mr. Thomas Kadey of Roxbury, Mass., who conducts a dry-goods business in that town is in the city on a visit. Mr. Kadey was formerly a member of the firm of the McDonald and Kadey which conducted a dry-goods store in the Twining Building in this city many years ago. He has numerous friends among the older generation of citizens and is renewing old acquaintances.

BASEBALL TEAM'S TOUR

The Fredericton Baseball Team expects to play at Calais on Saturday next, at Woodland on Labor Day, and at Machias on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Nine men will be carried by the team on this tour.

FOUR ROUSING MEETINGS

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which made them clear to all.

At Hammondville, the reciprocity meeting last night was one of the best of the campaign. There was a large and enthusiastic audience which cheered the speakers to the echo. Coun. Essensa delivered a rousing speech in which he plainly showed what reciprocity will do for York County. Mr. J. D. Phinney also spoke. The chair was taken by Mr. Herbert Smith.

Reports from all sections of the constituency are to the effect that Dr. Atherton is gaining ground and that the electors on September 21st will declare unmistakably for reciprocity. Meetings are to be held as announced at various places in the county, each night this week.

APPOINTED INSPECTOR

Mr. Moses Mitchell has been appointed government inspector of work at the new I. C. R. station the construction of which was begun a few days ago. The excavating in preparation for the laying of the foundation of the building is well advanced.

COMING OF CONSTANCE CRAWLEY

In securing Constance Crawley and her London Company for a season in this city the management of the Opera House are to be commended. A glance at the press notices which this celebrated English actress has received throughout the larger cities of the United States for the first time and will present here on Monday evening, September 4th, a one-act tragedy by Oscar Wilde, entitled "A Florentine Tragedy" and Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew." This will be followed on Tuesday evening by a presentation of Edmund Rostand's fantastic comedy "The Romanians." Miss Crawley's engagement in this city may be looked upon as a novelty in its way, as the lady is reported to be an actress whose art is beyond compare, and whose appearance in this city cannot help but be beneficial to those who give more than a passing thought to that which is best in literature and art. Seats on sale Saturday.

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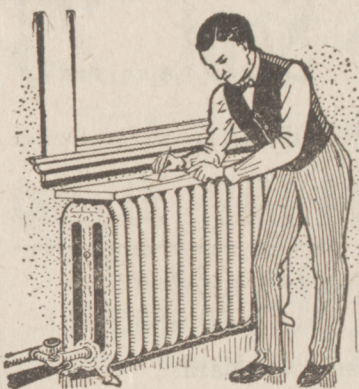
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