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THE FACTS OF THE CASE

What Reciprocity Means Put in a Few Plain Words Which Should Settle any Misconceptions and Win Every Present Opponent's Vote

The Westmount Liberal Club has sent out the following circular dealing with reciprocity:

"Much misconception appears to exist concerning the proposals for reciprocal trade with the United States. To dissipate this misconception and to invite your attention to a consideration of the real facts of the case are the objects of this letter.

"First of all, the tariff on manufactured goods, broadly speaking, remains untouched. The proposals in the main only affect natural products and to a lesser degree secondary foodstuffs.

"The interchange of livestock, great and small, of wheat, barley, oats and rye, hay and straw, of butter, cheese, milk and cream, is made absolutely free between Canada and the United States. Trade in fish and in rough lumber is also made free. Any possible increase of price to the consumer is offset by reductions in the duty on flour, meats, fresh and cured fruit and vegetables.

"Our manufacturers of barbed wire and cream separators, whose home market is now free to American competition, will receive like treatment in the American market. Our manufacturers in general will receive a substantial benefit by a reciprocal reduction in the duty on coal.

"The benefit which our farmers, fishermen and lumbermen will receive from a free entry into the American market will be shared by the manufacturing and distributing classes of the Dominion.

"The talk of the danger of annexation is an insult to Canadian intelligence. There are but two ways in which Canada can lose her autonomy--by coercion or by seduction.

"To imagine that our cousins

across the border are lying awake at night planning territorial aggrandizement by the armed conquest of Canada, is too ridiculous even for the Anti-Reciprocity League.

"Would trade seduce us from our allegiance? In answer let us consider these facts. Before we had reciprocity under the Elgin Treaty American sentiment was present in Canada, at least among the leading Conservatives in Montreal. As soon as we enjoyed the benefits of the treaty such a sentiment disappeared.

"We buy, more and more, year by year from the Americans. Has that affected our loyalty to Great Britain or to our Canadian nationality? The Island of Jamaica has enjoyed reciprocity with the United States for the last twelve years. Are the inhabitants less British than formerly.

"Our manufacturers buy every year millions of raw materials and factors of production from the United States--coal, leather, cotton. Is their loyalty affected?

"The new market for our silver is in New York--for our asbestos in Philadelphia--are we less loyal because of these facts? What danger then to our farmers, our lumbermen and our fishermen to sell where they can get the best price for their goods. We hold fast to British connections because of our sentiment and our blood, and because we believe that British institutions are the best in the world. We buy and sell on entirely different grounds, viz: we buy where we can get the best value and sell where we can get the best price.

"That people should imagine that the sentiment of loyalty can be strengthened by a long counter to acknowledged principles of business in a mischievous absurdity.

YORK COUNTY FARMER ENDORSES RECIPROCITY

Edison, Daily Mail,

Dear Sir:--If the American market should be opened up free to the farmers of York county it would place them on the same footing as the farmers of Aroostook county, Me. and our potatoes would go into the American markets free. No duty. Only think of it! Now the duty is seventy five cents on a barrel of one hundred and eighty pounds and this duty is what we have had to contend with in the past and have yet on our hands but throw the tariff wall down and the same prosperity that the Aroostook farmers have so long employed will soon be obtained by the farmers of York. Why not? Our lands are equally as good if not better for potato raising and we have the facilities for shipping. Take for instance the Nashwaak Valley and the adjacent settlements together with the large settlement of Stanley. The I. C. R. railway running the whole length of the country affords ample opportunities for transportation and then the C.P.R. road on the eastern side of the St. John running up the Keswick Valley gives the farmers there a good chance for shipping and when the St. John Valley road opens up on the western side what a chance the farmers of York will have to go into potatoes raising instead of grubbing in a few with the on a large and paying scale. Why in hoe or plow, and hooking them out with potatoe hooks sulky plows, disk harrows, planters, sprayers, diggers, those modern implements will be quickly introduced which makes the expense of raising so much less. It is said that in Aroostook where they use all these modern improvements that they can raise them for about fifty cents a barrel, but with us where we can only do business on a small scale we would not like to say that we can raise them for less than one dollar and that is the reason why some seasons like the present they go up so high. No one dares to plant many. But suppose we go into potatoe raising as a business and raise large quantities and even if we did not get say only one dollar and twenty-five cents a barrel the business would be profitable, and the consumer that this season has to pay two dollars for his potatoes would get them at a less figure and so both the producer and the local consumers would reap the benefits coming to us by having free access to the American market. Can the farmers of York County see this matter in any other light, as I am old farmer who has been in the business of raising potatoes on a small scale for more than fifty years know whereof I am speaking. We have had this tariff barrier to contend with all those years and for the sake of the future prosperity of my native county where I have lived for nearly seventy-six years I hope to see it soon removed.

B. N. GOODSPEED
Penniac Sept. 4, 1911.

INFLAMMATORY SPEECH BY BOURASSA ALLY

St. Jerome, Que., Sept. 7.--This is the flag which we are going to place on high on the 21st of September," said Hon. Jean Prevost today at St. Jerome, as he waved aloft the tricolor of France. Then holding his arms about the flag, he said: "The red is for Prevost, still a Rouge the blue is for Nantel, our Conservative ally, and the white for our beloved leader, Henri Bourassa."

Then, leading far over the railing to be near his audience, he denounced the navy, England and everything but the French-Canadians and the flag of old France.

Wearing a photograph of Bourassa, he appeared as the representative of the Nationalist leader, and in language unsurpassed in bitterness, denounced Laurier, the navy and British connection. "We will never be ready to give our families to be used as targets in defence of England," he declared, amid applause. "The training ships we possess are schools where our children will learn to shoot and later serve as targets for the cannon of Germany or Japan or China."

Equally bitter was the attack made by Mr. A. Fauteux, Conservative-Nationalist nominee in Two Mountains. In his address on behalf of Mr. Nantel he declared that the "Liberal party was poisonous and rotten. The real object of England in forcing a navy upon us was not to have the boats or our money, but the blood of French Canadians, and Dr. Desjardines, Liberal candidate, lied when he said anything else."

Speaking of Canada's obligations to England, he said: "The French in this town had once to fight for their rights against England," and then added: "We have developed our railways and our ports, but the latter serve for English ships. We pay twenty millions of interest every year to England for their investments here, and you may be sure that England has taken the best, as she always does. We are not going to fight England's battles. If you men are wise you will elect men whose ideas are not to please England."

The meeting was a joint affair, and it was expected that Mr. Henri Bourassa would be present, but illness prevented him. However, his lieutenants, Prevost and Fauteux, did him credit, as they used his language and expressed his ideals admirably.

For the Liberals, Messrs. Gauthier of L'Assomption and Dr. Desjardines of Terrebonne put up excellent arguments in favor of both the navy and reciprocity, but the traitorous language and flag-flying of Prevost and Fauteux so inflamed the audience that Mr. Gauthier had to appeal to the chair to get a hearing.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McGinnis of Boston, are visiting Mrs. McGinnis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Pettit. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spurdun returned home from St. John last night.

quent terms as one of the truest patriots and greatest defenders of British institutions the empire could boast of.

Mr. Hawke's speech throughout was brimful of facts and was spoken of by many as the best and most clear-cut presentation of the political situation that has been delivered by a local speaker in Amherst since the campaign commenced. There was not a dull moment during the address and so worked up did the audience get at times and the applause so loud and continued that it was utterly impossible for Mr. Hawke to proceed.

Mr. Hawke's speech will make many votes for Logan.

QUEBEC IS SOLID.

Montreal, Sept. 7.--"Sir Wilfrid is a better man today than he ever has been," said Sir Lomer Gouin, the Quebec premier, who is in Montreal today. "He has the experience, he has the confidence of the people, and look how splendid he is physically."

Arriving at the Windsor Hotel from Quebec, Sir Lomer faced busy morning when he motored down to his office in the Court House annex. There was the usual long line of men waiting outside his door in the corridor, the usual expectancy was written large on the face of each one who hoped that his turn had arrived. Sir Lomer appeared to be in the best of health and spirits and expressed the opinion that the Liberal party would be returned by a large majority.

"Somebody has made the prediction that the Liberals would lose a few seats in Quebec," he said, "but I cannot see it. I can see instead that they will gain a few. The prospects all over are very bright. And why should they not be?" he asked. "Sir Wilfrid is a better man today than he ever has been. He has the experience, he has the confidence of the people, and look how splendid he is physically. Moreover, he thinks of nothing but the welfare of the country. He never thinks of himself at all. He works unselfishly and he is like a young man in his capacity for work. Oh, yes, I think you will find that the people of his country will return him to power as long as his country has need of him."

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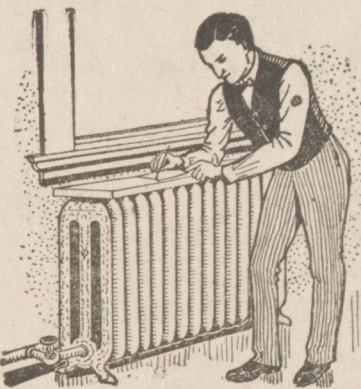
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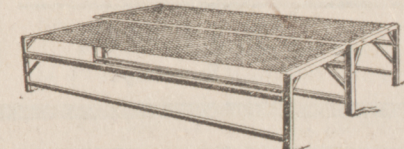


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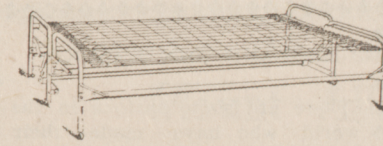
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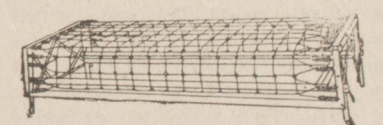


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