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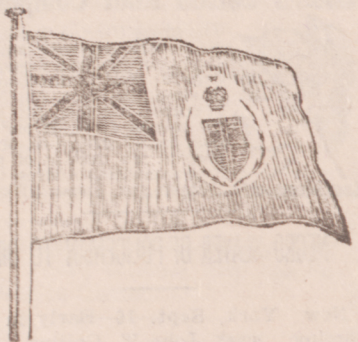
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## DOMINION ELECTION

Nomination - - Sept. 14th  
Polling - - Sept. 21st  
Reciprocity Candidate for York  
ALFRED B. ATHERTON, M. D.

## A BUSINESS PROPOSITION

Reciprocity is simply a business proposition. It should not be considered in connection with party affiliations. It is simply a question as to whether or not Canadians want a second free market for their natural products.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the policy of Reciprocity has for years been favored by both parties. And that is as it should be. Reciprocity is not a party question.

That is how it is to be viewed by scores of Conservatives next Thursday. They are not leaving their party. They are standing by the principles of the greatest of Conservative leaders, the grand Sir John A. Macdonald. In this county scores of Conservatives will support Dr. Atherton simply and solely because he is the Reciprocity candidate.

Reciprocity will bar no Canadian from trading with Britain which is and will be a free market. Reciprocity will simply provide that the Canadian, when he desires to do so, can ship his produce to the United States without paying the excessive duties now exacted from him.

When it is most profitable for the Canadian producer to sell in the Canadian market he will, under Reciprocity, sell in that market. When it is most profitable for him to sell in the British market he will sell there. When it is most profitable to sell in the United States market then, under Reciprocity, he will sell there.

It is simply a business proposition. The more customers available to a merchant, the more valuable his business. The more trade opportunities open to a nation the more its prosperity will increase since when conditions are not favorable in one market there is wider choice of other markets. That is why Reciprocity finds favor with so many electors.

## HOW RECIPROCITY WORKED

The very first year the Lord Elgin Reciprocity Treaty was proved to be a success. The aggregate trade, in both imports and exports, for all British Provinces to the United States, during the previous eight years, only amounted to \$14,230,763.00 per annum. During the first twelve months, under Reciprocity, the value of our transactions ran up to \$33,492,794.00. The second year the figures reached, \$42,542,755.00, and in the thirteenth and last year the figures had reached the grand total of \$84,070,955.00.

The total increase was nearly 600 per cent.

That is what Hon. Joseph Howe, at the International Commercial Con-

vention at Detroit in 1863, said of the old Reciprocity agreement:

"Looking at the industrial results of the treaty only, fair-minded and dispassionate men must admit that they have far surpassed in utility and value all that could have been hoped for by the most sanguine advocates of the measure in 1854. The trade of the United States and of the provinces, feeble, restricted, slow of growth and vexations before, has annually swelled by mutual exchanges and honorable competition, till it is represented by a grand total of \$456,350,391.00 in about nine years. This amount seems almost incredible, but who can hazard an estimate of figures by which this trade will be expressed ten or twenty years hence if this wise adjustment of our mutual interests be not disturbed?"

And Reciprocity will have as beneficial effects now. It means wider markets, bigger business, greater prosperity, more happiness to Canadians!

## SIR HIBBERT'S VIEWS

"What is the policy of the Motherland today? Driven from the civilized markets of the world; steadily and every year finding their output to these markets decreasing; they spend millions on their navy and millions on their Army to force their wares, and their goods and their merchandize into the uncivilized markets of the world, which they are endeavoring to occupy, to settle and to control, driven there by the deadly effect upon them of the tremendous competition coming from the protectionist nations in the rest of the world."

Who made this startling statement? Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist leader? Opposed as he is to the contribution of a Canadian Navy to the Empire's forces, he has never slandered or insulted the Mother Country as strongly as the author of the above language.

These words were not uttered by Bourassa or by Monk or by any other of Mr. Borden's Nationalist allies, let all of British-born stock remember. They were uttered by a King's Counsel, a Privy Councillor, a man whose shoulders the late Queen touched when she made him Knight. But he was a Tory at heart. And these were the words of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C., a former minister of the Crown in Canada, who is now stumping Nova Scotia for the Tories.

The Tory Moncton Times, in an effort to catch French votes in Westmorland, denounces Dr. Atherton as an "intolerant" and a "hypocrite," and urges all classes to unite and put him out of public life. What do the fair-minded people of York, regardless of politics, think of such dirty political methods? Even the local hack organ, which is generally prepared to go the limit at election times, would not dare to apply such epithets to Dr. Atherton. Yet the Moncton Times is one of the newspapers which pretends to be working for the salvation of the Empire.

The Montreal Star in October 1908 handed out this bouquet to Foster and Skton who are now actively campaigning for the Tories:

"Both these men may survive in their own constituencies. Party feeling is strong. But their presence in this campaign is costing their respective parties scores of votes in every constituency throughout the country, for both have reputations calculated to kill their political friends at three thousand miles."

Read what Mr. John Kilburn has to say about Reciprocity and the lumbering industry. Mr. Kilburn is one of the best-known men in York, and nobody can deny that Frederickton has greatly benefited from his enterprise. When he says that the rejection of Reciprocity would be ruinous to the lumbering industry of the St. John River we are prepared to accept his statement.

Boston Advertiser:—We make the assertion that nobody on this side of the border at least will question it in any way, that any man who at this time should seriously talk in favor of Canadian annexation would be regarded by his fellow Americans as either erratic or mentally deficient a "freak."

It would be little short, if commercial suicide for Canada to turn down the reciprocity agreement. If Canada is not willing to accept a preference in the markets of the great and friendly nation to the south, there are plenty of other countries that will jump at the chance.

The merchants of Fredericton should be in favor of a policy that will increase the prosperity of the farmers. The only big days we have here are when the farmers come to town.

If the electors of York vote in their own interests in this election they will vote for Dr. Atherton and Reciprocity.

His Hon. George E. Foster, wrote to the University Magazine in December last advocating Reciprocity with the United States. Now he is going about the country denouncing as disloyal those who are seeking to extend the trade of the country. A political faker is too mild a term to apply to George E. Foster.

If the members of the Hazen Government were possessed of ordinary prudence and sagacity they would not be opposing reciprocity. It means prosperity for the lumbermen and increased revenue for the province. Increased revenue for the province money to spend on our roads and bridges.

The local hack organ says that the Grits in York, have a big campaign fund for this campaign. In the same issue the organ complains that a stenographer who worked for the party in the last campaign has not yet been paid. The two statements are not very consistent.

In the tariff agreement the United States government threw off duties on lumber amounting to \$1,200,000 while the Canadian government remitted on the same commodity only \$45. Nearly all kinds of lumber has been on the free list in Canada for some years.

A farm of 1,000 acres, worked to its capacity, would supply all the demands of Fredericton for farm produce and eight of such farm would about supply St. John. Yet there are people going about the country telling the farmers that they do not need a larger market.

DO YOU WANT BOURASSA TO HOLD THE BALANCE OF POWER IN CANADA AS HE WOULD IF BORDEN WON WITH HIS ASSISTANCE? IF NOT VOTE FOR ATHERTON AND RECIPROCITY

"What happened to Frank Smith?" says a headline in the St. John Standard. The Standard and the Tories of Carleton county will be asking the same question on Thursday night.

Nearly every political meeting addressed by Premier Hazen comes in for an editorial review in the St. John Standard. The reason is not far to seek—Premier Hazen is writing the editorials for the Standard.

The imposition of a heavy duty on agricultural products by the United States government caused many of our farmers to remove to the State of Maine. Give us Reciprocity and keep our people at home.

Are the people who have their money invested in Fredericton real estate going to vote against a policy that will bring prosperity to the farmers and lumbermen of York?

Why do capitalists invest their money in western lands instead of in New Brunswick farm lands. Because New Brunswick farmers have a restricted market.

"I am not going to vote for either Crockett or Atherton," remarked a Nashwaak farmer on Saturday. "I am going to vote for Reciprocity." There are others.

The latest advice from the west is that Alberta will send down six members to Ottawa to vote for reciprocity.

Don't forget that if the Reciprocity agreement is ratified there will be a marked increase in the value of lumber lands in New Brunswick.

The Tories of Sunbury-Queens including our own Mr. Slipp are in a blue funk. They are beginning to realize that they are up against it.

If the farmers and their consuming classes in York County will join hands in this campaign the victory will be theirs.

A VOTE FOR CROCKETT IS A VOTE FOR BOURASSA THE ARCH ENEMY OF BRITISH INSTITUTIONS.

The Montreal Star announces with great glee that two more bankers have come out against reciprocity.

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INDEPENDENT ELECTORS  
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To the Editor of The Daily Mail:

Sir.—While various views have been presented on the platform and through the press as to the important question to be decided by the electorate vote, on the 21st, it occurs to me that there is one feature of the contest in this county which has been, in a measure, overlooked so far as the public discussion of it is concerned and which is worthy of consideration by non-partisan and independent voters.

We frequently hear the remark made in the pulpit and from the platform and occasionally see it in the press, that there is too much partisanship and party narrowness in political contests, and that it would be well if the more thoughtful and intelligent voters should break away from party ties and when an opportunity offered, unite in voting for broad principle, a higher standard, of the electorate and good, clean representation.

It seems to me that the present election offers an opportunity seldom presented for the thoughtful and independent voters to so unite.

The question of reciprocal trade between Canada and the United States is one that has never been regarded as a party question, and there seems to be no reason why it should not be made such. It simply involves a trade and business problem, the advantages of which to the people of these two great and friendly nations cannot, when viewed from a non-party standpoint, admit of doubt. In fact, the description of that feature, judging from what I have seen and heard, has been practically abandoned, both in the press and on the platform. There remains only the insulting and unreasoning assertion (without the slightest proof to justify it either from our past experience or our knowledge of present conditions) that increased trade and the resulting increased prosperity from the abolition or reduction of the rolls we now pay on goods we mutually require and buy and sell in immense quantities in spite of those tolls, will result in making Canadians a nation of traitors to their own institutions and bring about the dismemberment of the great British Empire!

No rational man believes any such nonsense. The assertion is made only with the intent to influence the unthinking and childishly timid, and for purely partisan purposes.

That being so, what is there in the local situation to induce independent voters and the citizens who stand for what is best in municipal and political life, casting their votes in favor of the proposed measure and the candidate who speaks for it? The influences which, especially in this city, are said, with apparent truth, to be working against them, are not such as, in my opinion, will commend themselves to the independent voters who desire to vote right.

As to the candidate, there is no question that, in the person of Dr. Atherton, an opportunity is given for the best citizenship of York to elect a man whose record, in every position he has occupied, is above suspicion—sans peur, sans reproche. He has established a reputation which not even the newspaper organ of his opponent, with its customary and shameless abuse, has dared to assail, though, unless gagged, it has attacked almost every public man and nearly every public enterprise and measure which made for the business, prosperity and betterment of the people in this city and county. He has been a good, (Continued on page five)

George E. Foster as finance minister would have about the same paralyzing effect on the business of the county as frost has on a buckwheat field.

The tariff on farm products is nothing but a gold brick intended to bamboozle the farmers.

The farmers wives will do some business raising poultry, when they get free access to the great markets of the United States.

Let the farmer of York County have his turn.

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