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SIR WILFRID LAURIER SPEAKS OUT PLAINLY

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"It is true, my honorable friend, the leader of the opposition, told us on March 8 that we should have passed the redistribution first. But he did not reflect at that time that the census could not be taken before June 1. The law on that point was changed some years ago. At the time of confederation, April 1 was put down as the date for the taking the census. The roads to many parts are not then favorable to traffic, but June 1, as we all know, is a most propitious season for the census work. The date was changed, and all approved."

REDISTRIBUTION IMPOSSIBLE THIS YEAR

"Does my honorable friend believe that it is possible to have redistribution in Canada within three months of the taking of census? It is impossible to have it done. It never has been done, either under a Conservative government or under a Liberal government. The country is too large and the means of communication too imperfect. We must wait until the last return is in before you begin your redistribution. We will have redistribution next year. If the opposition chooses to go on with the tactics of obstruction, as they have been doing, then we shall have to consider what is to be done. And if, in the last resort, the only way is to appeal to the people and ask them to pass judgment between us and the opposition, we are quite prepared and ready for it." (Prolonged Liberal cheers.)

The debate was continued by Mr. R. L. Borden, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Mr. W. F. McLean, Hon. H. R. Emerson and Mr. Goodeve.

HON. MR. PUGSLEY.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley quoted utterances of Sir John Thompson and Sir Charles Tupper in favor of reciprocity, and a speech by Premier J. D. Hazen, when a member for St. John, expressing his satisfaction at the announcement that the government had made, that negotiations were about to be commenced with the United States. Mr. Hazen said he was sure Canada would welcome that announcement, and that such an agreement would be greatly for the benefit of Canada. Such views by Conservatives were not disloyal twenty years ago and were not disloyal when held by the government today.

Reciprocity would greatly benefit the lumbering, farming and fishing interests of the Maritime Provinces. The government made hay free though eastern producers stated they have been satisfied with a reduction of the American duty of \$2 a ton. When the facts that farms in Maine were worth twice what they were across the border in New Brunswick the advantage of the American market could be estimated.

Mr. Crockett of York, had gone to meetings of his electors recently and told them that the reciprocity agreement was disloyal. Yet Mr. Crockett, when reciprocity negotiations were in progress, wrote Hon. Mr. Fielding that the Scott Lumber Company of his constituency desired the American duty on shingles reduced from fifty cents to the old figure of thirty cents and trusted that this request would be considered when the negotiations would be under way. If Mr. Crockett had believed reciprocity disloyal he should not have thus sought to further it.

Reciprocity would benefit the city of St. John, for without it the American mills in St. John, which cut logs floated down from the upper waters in Maine, would no longer be able to ship their products to the

United States free of duty. They would have to close down, as the Pyke law, which had existed for sixty years, would expire on August 5. If the reciprocity agreement was ratified the lumber of these, as well as of Canadian mills, would go into the United States free of duty.

The claim that the increased trade between Canada and the United States would be disloyal was absurd. He was sure that the sturdy loyalty of the farmers and fishermen of his own province would not be sapped if a larger market were opened to them if they were able to sell in the markets of the United States and obtain more remuneration for their heavy toil.

At the conclusion of his address, Hon. Dr. Pugsley had something to say about the possible necessity of the adoption of a closure in the Commons. The course had been taken in the British parliament and the United States House of Representatives.

"It is assumed that gentlemen come here to do their duty in a full and free discussion of all questions," said he. "It is also believed that when the time for that full and free discussion has passed gentlemen will allow a vote to be taken and the will of the majority to prevail. The people will have an opportunity of judging between the opposition and the government. Their threats this afternoon tend to revolutionize the theory that the will of the majority shall obtain. Does it not tend to destroy free parliamentary institutions when gentlemen rise and threaten that they will not allow any measure to come to a vote?"

"If it shall be necessary to consult the people, it will be done, and they will express their views not only on the question at issue but also on the conduct of gentlemen of the minority, who seek to abuse the constitutional rule that the view of the majority shall prevail."

The Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior has collected statistics with regard to the cross tie consumption in Canada for 1910.

There were 9,213,962 cross ties purchased in 1910 by the steam and electric roads of Canada at a cost of \$3,535,228. This is a decrease of 35 per cent from the number purchased in 1909. The average cost of these ties at the point of purchase was 38 cents per tie. Three kinds of wood, cedar, jack pine and hemlock furnished 77 per cent of all the ties purchased. Cedar itself supplied 40 per cent of the total consumption and its use is increasing yearly in proportion to other species. Oak which makes an expensive tie, costing 71 cents each was used principally by a United States company having mileage in Canada. Of the total number of ties purchased 70 per cent were hewn ties. The only important species which has a majority of sawn ties was oak. Sawn ties cost on the average 37 cents per tie and hewn ties cost 3 cents more. The steam railways used 95 per cent of all the ties and these ties cost on the average 38 cents. The electric railway used 302,540 ties an increase of 183 per cent over 1909. They paid for their ties 41 cents each. Although on the average they use smaller ties this excess of 3 cents in the cost is due not only to the disadvantages incident to contracts for smaller quantities of material but also to the fact that the electric roads are more likely to purchase where the price includes transportation charges.

PERSONAL

Mr. W. O. Tuckerman of Boston, is at the Queen.

Coun. Robert Connely of Great Salmon River, St. John County, arrived in the city this morning.

Mr. J. H. Bennett of Sault Ste. Marie, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. G. W. Hoegg of Sussex, arrived in the city last night. He is registered at the Queen.

Mr. E. L. Corbett of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. W. A. Ewing of St. John, is in the city on business before the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Beverly I. Leonard formerly Miss Emma E. Gardner of this city is visiting friends here.

Mr. Ward Blyea of Cambridge, Mass., is visiting his home at Gibson.

Mr. Fenwick Brown who has been working as a civil engineer on the construction of the Canadian Northern Railway in New Ontario was in the city yesterday. He left this morning for his home in St. Martins.

Mrs. Fred Burpee of Jacksonville, Carleton County, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. George W. Hoegg of Sussex is a guest at the Queen.

Minor leagues in Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas have been up against it this season. The Kansas State, the Missouri State and the Arkansas State leagues, and the Western Association have closed up shop and gone home.

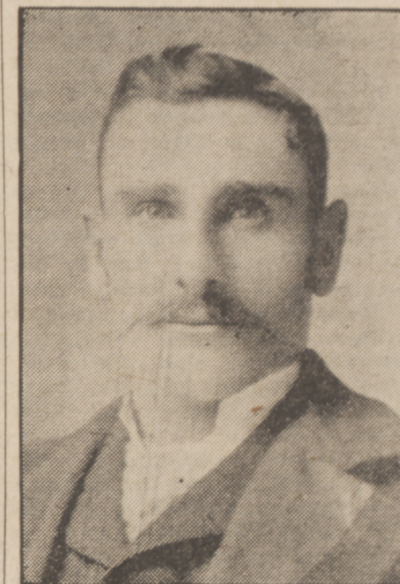
RECIPROCITY WILL SWEEP CARLETON CO.

Mr. George W. Upham Tells of Popularity of Trade Agreement in his Section

(St. John Telegraph)

George W. Upham, M. P. P. for Carleton County, who was in the city yesterday, is looking exceedingly cheerful over the election prospects in that county, and, indeed, in Victoria and Madawaska Counties as well.

Mr. Upham, in conversation with a Telegraph reporter yesterday, expressed the utmost confidence that reciprocity would sweep Carleton County, and he added that it was equally popular in Victoria and Madawaska. The better this issue is understood, he went on to say, the more fully the people understand the benefits of the proposed trade agreement. "All through our part of the country we are trading continually with our neighbors across the line, and this proposal to make natural trade easier is most convincing to everyone. I have personally met a large number of men who used to be opposed to us, who, while they may still be Conservatives, and while they are not talking very loudly, do not hesitate to say that they will vote for reciprocity. They do not think it should be made a party issue, it is so clearly in the best interests of the country."



GEORGE W. UPHAM, M.P.P.

"I met a Conservative yesterday," said Mr. Upham, "who used to be quite prominent at election time on the other side, and in the course of conversation he said to me very positively that he could not bring himself to vote against this trade proposal. Our people have looked into the issue carefully, largely because the Conservatives started out by misrepresenting it. Everywhere men are convinced that it is simply a matter of good business and that direct benefits will be very large. The Liberal party could not have a better issue upon which to appeal to the country. While it is true that in Carleton County we are divided pretty strictly on party lines, this question is going to gain a great many votes that we have not previously had. There is no doubt about it. I feel the utmost confidence that our party this time is in a most happy position, and I find our friends everywhere of the same opinion."

Mr. Upham mentioned in conversation that Rev. Mr. Ireland, of Woodstock, who recently returned from the West, to which place he is soon to return with his family, had remarked that he met no one in the West on his recent trip who talked against reciprocity unless it was purely for political purposes.

Mr. Upham, who is one of the most active and useful representatives Carleton County has had in the legislature, keeps very closely in touch with the people of his constituency, and he is in a position to speak with knowledge of the attitude of that part of the country toward reciprocity at this time. Anyone who converses with him soon sees now thoroughly he is convinced that the Liberal party in this campaign is going to win all along the line.

We advise the Protestant Christian Communions not to be content with Federation, but to go the entire length of Union, dropping all their pet ideas and acknowledging as Fellow-Christians and fellow-members of the Body of Christ, the Church, all who acknowledge Jesus as their Savior, their Redeemer, and who turn from the ways of sin, and, to the best of their ability, walk in the paths of righteousness, and who make full consecration of themselves to the Lord—these are and ever should be ONE in the most absolute sense possible, both now and beyond the veil.—PASTOR RUSSELL.

Mr and Mrs Alexander Murray and family and Miss Dorothy Tweeddale have gone for a week to McClusky's Hotel, Margerville. Judges White and Landry are at the Queen.

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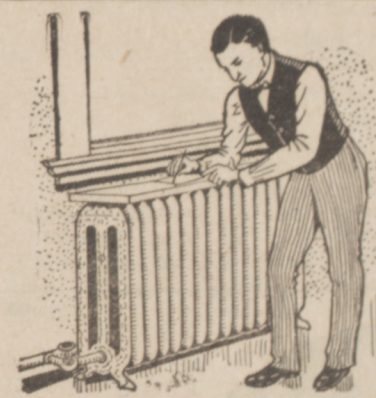
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