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STRONG MEN ARE WANTED

The Toronto Globes devotes the following editorial to the discussion of a very important matter, very pertinent to the present occasion:

"This is the time of supreme opportunity for strong men in Canadian politics. The candidate who steps forth with the standard of Liberalism in the present campaign has a chance for great national service which rarely comes twice in one generation. The occasion makes appeal to all that is strong and patriotic in Canadian citizenship. The issue is clear-cut. It involves not only enlarged opportunities for trade, but also the primary and essential rights of free and responsible self-government.

"The principal at stake in this campaign is the fundamental principle of historic British Liberalism—the right of free people to govern themselves without the obstruction either of special privilege or of selfish private interests. To fight for that principle is the chance now offered to the Canadian people. To be leaders in that fight is the duty and the inspiration of those who may be candidates for parliament in the Liberal cause. Never in Canadian history was the chance greater or the cause worthier of public service and personal sacrifice from the greatest Canadians.

"If the Liberal cause wins in this appeal to the people there will come enormously enlarged opportunities for trade in Canada's natural products. It means the chance to sell and the chance to buy in the best markets. That will be a great thing for the people of Canada. But a still greater will also be secured; a firm forward step in Canada's nationhood alike within the British Empire and among the nations of the world. To have a share in the triumph of such a cause is the chance now offered to the strong man in the constituencies of Canada.

"Were the campaign of the opposition to succeed, that success would delay the day of better trade for Canada. That day has been too long delayed. Sir John Macdonald and his colleagues sought to hasten it. In his turn Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberals took up the cause. Now the chance has come. Events which were not on the program of either Sir John or Sir Wilfrid have forced the issue from the other side, and the better trade arrangements which Canada has also sought are now formally offered by the President and Congress of the United States. This offer was long and bitterly fought by the organized beneficiaries of high protection in all the States and on the floor of Congress. But the cause of the people won against the blinded and selfish arrogance of the privileged interests. It only remains now for the people of Canada to defeat the same arrogance, similarly organized in Canada, similarly blinded by selfish interests, and similarly equipped with funds from similar corrupt sources. The Canadian people can do it. They can do it now. They can do it with even greater decisiveness than it was done in the United States. To lead in the doing of it is the part of all who are called to be leaders of the campaign in the Liberal cause. This is the chance for strong men."

The County of York above all things, needs a strong man to represent it in the Canadian parliament. We have had enough of the scandal mongering politician and the time has arrived when the men who have the true interests of York County at heart should assert themselves. For thirty years there has been little or no increase in the population of York County and its resources have not been developed. The candidate of the party which is preaching the doctrine of "let well enough alone" should have no valid claim for the support of the electors of the County of York. He has been representing the county at Ottawa for eight years and The Mail defies any elector to point to one single thing that he has done to advance the interests of the constituency. The page is a blank one and for the good of the county

he should be replaced by a better man—one who instead of spending his time in a fruitless effort to defame the characters of others will take hold and try to do something for the constituency; one who will study its interests and try to further them by every means in his power. The opportunity for the good old County of York to take a long forward stride has arrived and it is up to the electors to avail themselves of it.

A St. John despatch to the local graft organ states that an effort might be made to induce Dr. Daniel to abandon St. John City and seek election for the city and county, "thus" as the despatch puts it, "assuring the capture of another seat in this province." If the real truth were known it would be found that Dr. Daniel is already looking for a chance to run away from Dr. Pugsley and the certain defeat that awaits him in the city. If he goes into the county he will get a trimming from Mr. Lowell, so whichever horn of the dilemma he chooses to accept the result will be the same. Poor Dr. Daniel; he is between the devil and the deep sea for sure.

The following extract from the United States government crop report on potatoes will appeal to shippers and growers of potatoes in this vicinity:—Potatoes, Condition 62.3 per cent., as against 76.0 on July 1, 75.8 in 1910 and 84.8, the 10-year average. Indicated yield per acre 71.5 bushels, as compared with 94.4 in 1910 and 96.9, the five-year average. The potato crop in New Brunswick this year promises an enormous yield. The farmers want reciprocity.

Mr. Howard Smith, one of the foremost business men of Halifax, and hitherto a staunch supporter of Mr. R. L. Borden, attended a Liberal convention on Wednesday and moved a strong resolution endorsing reciprocity. He declared that under reciprocity Halifax would come to her own and would ultimately be the greatest salt fish exporting centre in the world.

Canada is to have bumper crops this year while in the United States the season was unfavorable in every respect. The demand for Canadian farm produce under reciprocity promises to be the greatest this country has experienced since the civil war. The farmers of York should be up and doing.

Premier Hazen is said to be very anxious to have Mr. Wilmot become the Tory sacrifice in Sunbury-Queens. The premier thinks that there might be a change of government, in which case he would be offered a portfolio over the heads of Daniel and Crockett. If Mr. Wilmot should be returned which is very unlikely, he would be expected, in case there was a change of government, to make work for Mr. Hazen.

When the reciprocity agreement goes into force the Hazen government immigration commissioner should devote some of his time to the New England states. He will find hundreds of former New Brunswickers in that country who will be glad to return and establish themselves on our vacant farms.

With potatoes a short crop in the United States, and the early ratification of the reciprocity agreement, the enterprising residents of Stanley who leased land and put a large acreage under potatoes last spring stand to realize a handsome profit.

The U. S. crop report shows that the estimated yield of potatoes this season across the line is 249,893,000 bushels against 338,811,000 last year. What a harvest the potato growers of York ought to reap this year under reciprocity.

Already two returned exodians are in Fredericton looking for a chance to purchase farms. There will be more of them when the reciprocity agreement is put into force.

Mr. J. G. O'Donahoe, solicitor of the Trades and Labor Congress, says that workmen should support reciprocity for the enemies it has made.

The enactment of the reciprocity agreement will see the dawn of a new and brighter era for New Brunswick.

The farmers who have produce to sell should take no stock in the loyalty cry of the Tories.

BIG FISH EXPORTER FOR RECIPROCITY

Halifax, Aug. 9.—The feature of the Liberal convention of Halifax, which tonight nominated Hon. A. K. Maclean and Dr. Edward Blackadder as Government candidates, was the strong speech in favor of reciprocity by Howard Smith, head of N. & M. Smith, Limited, the largest exporters of dried fish in the world. Mr. Smith appeared in the Liberal convention for the first time in his life, but he said this was an occasion when the issue before the people was above party. In the last campaign Mr. Smith was one of the most active and most influential supporters of Messrs. Borden and Crosby. This time he is throwing his whole support on the sides of the Liberals, because he realizes that reciprocity means a new era of prosperity. Under the new order, he declared, Nova Scotia will come into her own, and her fishing fleet will be doubled in from three to five years. Mr. Smith's outspoken stand in favor of reciprocity, and his moving of the resolution in favor of it at a Liberal convention, indicate how strongly the policy of free trade in natural products appeal to the business men of the Maritime Provinces. The resolution was seconded by A. M. Bell, another leading business man, who, although an adherent of the Liberal cause, never before had been presented at a party convention. This time he was ready to do his utmost to secure the adoption of reciprocity. Another resolution was adopted strongly condemning the attitude of Hon. R. L. Borden and Mr. A. B. Crosby in opposing the Canadian navy. Altogether the convention was a tremendous success. The Liberals of Halifax are united as one man in support of reciprocity, and are confident of victory.

Mr. Edward Lafontaine of Plessisville is likely to be the Liberal candidate for Megantic should Mr. P. T. Savoie, former member refuse the nomination. The Opposition candidate is Callixte Gosselin, Mayor of Ste. Sophie.

The farmers of York and Sunbury, who have last year's hay on hand, will be interested in the following market report taken from The Boston Globe of Thursday:—Hay and straw, Hay, western, choice, \$27.50@28.50, No. 1 \$25@26, No. 2 \$19@20.50, No. 3 \$15.50@16.50, No. 1 Canadian, \$23@24, straw, rye, \$13@13.50, oats, \$8. Yet opponents of reciprocity tell us that the farmers have nothing to gain by adopting the larger market.

Mr. O. S. Crockett's newspaper organ says that the time has come when we should develop manufactures in the east. The organ is correct but who ever heard of the self styled leaders of the Tory party in York ever investing a dollar in a manufacturing industry. The millmen and other large employers of labor in York County are for reciprocity.

Kingston Whig:—The party that established the British preference against the protests and votes in the Commons of the Canadian Conservatives, who demanded a quid pro quo—ought to be trusted with a continuance of that preference with reciprocity. The loyalty that acts is better than the loyalty that talks.

Surely the gallant Colonel Daniel is not going to strike his colors and abandon St. John City to his political enemies this early in the campaign. Col Daniels should be made of sterner stuff.

There is a shortage of ninety million bushels in the potato crop of the United States this year. York County should vote for reciprocity and the larger market.

Reciprocity means more dollars for the lumbermen and fishermen of York County.

HOW THE FARMER LOSES BY A HIGH TARIFF

Guelph, Aug. 9.—An audience which was thoroughly representative of Drayton and the townships surrounding and including many men who have been conspicuous in the past by their opposition to the policies of the Liberal party assembled in the Town Hall at Drayton yesterday afternoon to hear Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, discuss the various phases of the trade agreement. Stirring addresses were also delivered by Mr. James McEwing, M. P. P., Mr. Alex. Martin, who will probably again be the Liberal standard-bearer and Mr. John Fairweather of Drayton who presided at the meeting.

Hon. Mr. Fisher's address was scholarly lucid at all times and convincing. It was rapt attention and punctuated with frequent applause.

"I am in favor of the trade agreement," stated Mr. McEwing, "for two reasons I will illustrate: During the twelve months just past I sold off my farm thirty tons of hay. It was worth to me what it was worth in the New York market less the pressing charges, the freight charges were legitimate. The third, of \$4 per ton on every ton before it entered the United States was just that much taken from me and paid into the United States treasury. If there was no tariff on that hay there was \$120 which would have gone into my pocket.

"I have at the present time thirty-three acres of barley on my farm; averaging it at thirty bushels an acre there is a crop of 1,000 bushels for which the United States at present charges thirty cents per bushel before it can enter the country. The United States government levies a toll of thirty cents per bushel, or \$300 on my 1,000 bushels of barley. There is a total of \$420 let by the United States on my produce which the trade agreement will remove. Even taking it for granted that all of that amount did not come to me, at least half of it would, and that is an amount worth while for the average farmer."

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Dundas Advertiser, says the Canadian opponents of reciprocity are giving a turn to the discussion which is regretted in present circumstances. The dying embers of anti-American feeling are being fanned in a way calculated to create a situation which has been for years the aim of statesmanship to avoid. Reduced to plain English the argument is "The more business you do with a man the more harm he will do you." The idea of course is an absolute absurdity.

Brandon Sun:—Leading local Conservatives, aware of the situation, are very indignant at the department at Winnipeg for the apparent neglect of the voters' lists in allowing them to slip away from the control of the Provincial Government, which has profited greatly in the preparation of the list in every election in the last ten years.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Patriot:—If any party had anything better than reciprocity to offer the farmers of Prince Edward Island, now is the time to make the offer. The Conservatives are against reciprocity. What have they to offer in its place. How in the world can the high protective tariff benefit an agricultural country like this Province? Shut the American market to our farmers and a vast trade is stopped.

Halifax Chronicle:—It is somewhat significant that the three men, outside of the official Opposition, upon whom the Tories rely most for support in the present campaign, namely, Mr. Sifton, Mr. Bourassa and Premier McBride, have all declined to enter the fight as candidates. Then there is the Hon. "Bob" Rogers who proclaims that he is going to be a member of the Borden "Cabinet," but that he won't be a candidate in any riding. Brave soldiers, truly!

Mr. A. E. Wall, M.P.P. was nominated by the Liberals of Digby Wednesday and will redeem the county. Mr. W. F. Carroll of Glace Bay has been nominated by the Liberals of South Cape Breton, yesterday to oppose Mr. J. W. Madden, M. P.

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CONFERENCE OF SOCIALISTS

Milwaukee, Aug. 12.—Office holding members of the national Socialist party from all sections of the country have assembled here for a three days' conference to discuss the affairs of the party and to make preliminary plans for the next municipal

state and national campaigns. Victor Berger, the only Socialist member of Congress, is to preside over the sessions. Among the other participants, nearly all of whom have arrived in the city are the Socialist mayors of Butte, Mont; Grand Junction, Colo; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Berkeley, Cal; Girard, Kas.; Flint, Mich., and several other cities.

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