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THE BUGABOO

Canadians, awake! President Taft has announced that the United States will try to annex the aurora borealis. This is a time for action. The Montreal Star should straightway deliver itself of another "appeal" to Sir Wilfrid Laurier—this time to save the beautiful celestial borealis. Hon. Mr. Foster should thrill the nation with another of his "greatest" speeches in which he should make clear the peril of the poor aurora and rouse the Canadian people to a sense of their duty. Canon Scott should preach a few more sermons stirring the people to the righteous cause of battling against annexation, and write a few more verses to move the people from their supineness. Professor Leacock should spill a few more quarts of ink in explosive sentences. The Standard and the \$8,100 Gleaner should fire the Tory heather with a few more columns of editorial flag-waving that the faithful may be awakened to the danger which threatens the aurora borealis as it sweeps and flashes in the heavens of Canada's arctic regions. Annexation? Heaven forbid. Annexation? Not while the Star and Foster and Leacock and Scott and the Standard and the Gleaner are left to battle for the cause.

To take seriously President Taft's pleasantry would be about as sensible as it would be to heed the foolish cries of the persons who are seeking to raise the loyalty issue in the Dominion at this time when the question of reciprocity is under consideration. Fin themselves without real argument to employ in their campaign against better trade relations between Canada and the United States the Dominion opponents of reciprocity are bending every energy to the task of persuading the people of this country that reciprocity would mean eventually the annexation of our land to the republic. Of the claim which these persons put forward the St. John Globe says: "It is a scare-crow of protection. It is not an argument. It is a cry. It is intended by an appeal to our protection to turn our thoughts from the importance of the business proposition which is offered, and to frighten our people with an indefinite fear from a matter of sound business with our kinsmen across the border."

"It is not an argument. It is a cry." In previous issues The Mail has made this very criticism of the flag-waving tactics of the Conservative and other opponents of the reciprocity proposals. If extensive business dealings between nations mean annexation Germany may be expected soon to annex Great Britain and to prate that to buy more goods from the United States would lay Canada open to danger of annexation is to give one's self over to childishness or to unscrupulous participation in a political game. Persons who are raising this annexation cry in the Dominion evidently hope that their effort will be successful in firing a seemingly commendable devotion to apparent patriotism among citizens who may not examine carefully the real facts of the situation and may be stirred by appeals to surface feelings.

By some of these advocates speaking for interests opposed to reciprocity it is claimed that the growth of close business relations between Canada and the United States would ultimately result in the political union of the two countries. If they are sincere in their reasoning they lose sight of the many instances in the world which show their logic to be fallacious. Dozens of cases might be given in which nations have enjoyed close trade relations with one another

and yet preserved absolutely their political independence of one another. In their reasoning they lose sight of the fact also that the conclusion which they reach is one which simply means that the Canadian people, their loyalty to the traditions of the British Empire, can be purchased by the dollars of a foreign country. No sincere man can reach such a conclusion and maintain it. Such a man must know that the stuff of which the Canadian people are made is not of the kind which makes men whose loyalty is purchasable. To insinuate that the contrary is true is to insult the people of the Dominion, as The Mail has already pointed out in earlier issues.

Other shouters of annexation seem to adopt the ground that the hot-heads across the border who have offended the right thinking people of the republic by their talk of annexation really represent the sentiment of the mass of the citizens of that country. Even were it granted that the United States citizens are hoping for the swallowing up of this country by the republic—and the utterances of such men as President Taft and Secretary Knox, who style the annexation vaporings "silly" prove how lacking in foundation is such a position—how is reciprocity going to help in consummating such a hope? These men in Canada who shed crocodile tears over what they pretend to believe is danger of annexation encourage the cry of danger merely in the effort to advance the selfish interests of themselves and their friends. If the United States is to annex Canada reciprocity will make the task no easier. If annexation is to come the people of the United States will have to buy the Canadian citizens with gold and silver or they will have to drive them into the union by force. In a foregoing paragraph The Mail has expressed its opinion as to the purchase of the sentiments of the Canadian people. It is not necessary to express any opinion as to the other alternative which is pointed out.

In all the talk of annexation which the special pleaders in Canada opposed to reciprocity are inflicting upon the people there is no mention whatever of the patent fact that there are two parties to consider in such a matter. One party is the Dominion, the other the United States. Annexation must be a peaceable movement or a movement carried through by force. If the annexation which these opponents of reciprocity profess to see looming up is to be brought about by force then, according to the reasoning of these men, the United States by force can do with Canada what it wills and when it wills. If the annexation is to come through peaceable means then, again following the reasoning of these men, the people of Canada are men and women whose sentiments can be bought by the highest bidders. It is when we follow the specious assertions of these annexation scare-mongers to their final conclusions that we see how utterly absurd is the position which these alleged ultra-loyalists profess to take.

Toronto Globe.—Sir Edmund Walker is a firm believer in free trade in money. He is President of a bank that has important branches in the United States and that uses Canadian money to operate United States industries and carry on commercial transactions of great magnitude. He is not afraid of free access to the American money market and the diversion there of some of Canada's surplus funds will "hamper the development of Canada's resources in her own way and by her own people?" Or is it only surplus farm products the export of which will weaken the ties that bind Canada to the Empire?

Telegraph.—The local government party has its own troubles. In St. John, in Kent, in Kings, in Northumberland, in York, in Carleton, and in several other places, Mr. Hazen's followers are fighting among themselves. The government has no particular policy, no constructive legislation upon which to appeal to the people. The disputes are chiefly concerning place and patronage. They spell weakness for the administration.

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RECIPROCITY MEANS MORE PROFIT FOR THE FARMERS

(Montreal Herald)

There appears to be no doubt that the people in what may be called the markets of the cities are in the main thoroughly pleased with the new tariff arrangement. From coast to coast with some rare exceptions of local interests there is the uniform belief that the greater freedom to be afforded by the taking down of tariff barriers will conduce to an increase of prosperity, which means, in the city's view an increase of purchasing power. Before long, no doubt, the cities, as the centres of industry and commerce will be aware of the additional opportunities thus afforded. Mr. Warburton who spoke for Prince Edward Island in the Commons debate, was quite clear that the farmers there would benefit by selling larger quantities of their farm products at better prices; in New Brunswick the expectation is the same; in Nova Scotia the same again, with the added prospect with an added trade in fish; in Quebec, in Ontario, in the West there seems to be only one mind among farmers who do not specialize in fruit, and it may very well turn out that even their fears may fall of justification. A little larger farmers profit means in the aggregate, an immense addition to the volume of business to be done. This business will be done by manufacturers and merchants in Canadian cities, and the lion's share of it always, by those in Montreal.

There is no other conclusion to be reached, at least by anyone who believes Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Fielding and Mr. Paterson when they say that it is the firm intention of the Government to continue the tariff on manufactures just as if the negotiations with the United States about natural products had never taken place.

It would appear that there are some who decline to accept these assurances, and who hesitate about extending the plant with a view to taking advantage of the new opportunity. Well, it is a free country, and any one may esteem the word even of a responsible public man as he sees fit. But what we can be sure of is that if Mr. Smith may use his natural right to hold off, Mr. Jones who believes Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Fielding will be apt to jump in and endeavor to seize the new business. Whether we in the cities are going to prepare to take advantage of the openings, or whether we are going to neglect the opportunity, depends largely, therefore upon whether, Sir Wilfrid's and Mr. Fielding's positive statements are received with confidence or otherwise. When they come to face the situation in cold blood, as they must the day after the agreement is accepted, our manufacturers, who are shrewd men, can probably be depended upon to go forward like sensible people to take possession of the field that is opened to their effort. The attitude of the Government or anyone with an open mind is very easy to discern. The men who have given Canada its first taste of tariff severity are not going to undo their work. The men who said they would exclude manufacturers from the scope of the conference did exclude them.

And the attitude of the Government today, outline to The Herald and indeed to all who ask, is clear cut, positive and ought to be re-assuring to even the most confirmed doubter.

"We mean what we say and have said: we mean to leave established Canadian industry free to take advantage to the full of the increased purchasing capacity which will result from this agreement; we contemplate no general revision of the tariff before 1917 and when that is made it will be as in 1897 and 1907 what the then situation of the country calls for; and if there are some who will not believe us when we say so, we are confident that there are many who do believe us, and that the others will come to do so when they see their fears falsified by the event."

HERE'S A CHANCE.
The Daily Mail will be sent by mail to any address from now until the close of the ensuing session of the Legislature, for only twenty-five cents. It will contain full reports of the debates and committee meetings and as this will in all probability be the last session of the present Legislature, the proceedings promise to be of exceptional interest. The paper will be sent from the date the order is received.

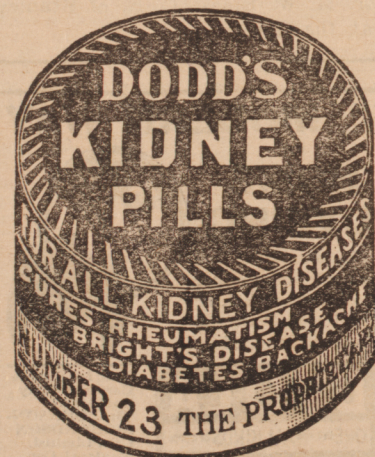
ALF LYNCH MEETS

FRANKIE BURNS TONIGHT

Alfie Lynch the clean little Canadian fighter who is well-known to fans of the Maritime Provinces is making good in the States.

Monday's Boston Globe says:—"New Haven will have some good bouts tomorrow night, the feature one being between Alf. Lynch, the Canadian champion, and Frankie Burns who gave Digger Stanley such a hard go weeks ago."

Digger Stanley was one of the best of the English boxers and if Lynch can make any sort of showing against Frankie Burns his stock will go away up.



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