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FOOLISH OPPOSITION

In discussing the proposed recipro city agreement certain papers, work ing for party purposes, have been seeking to arouse a silly fear in the minds of unthinking Canadians, a fear that reciprocity would in effect be handing the trade of the Dominion over to the United States. In playing this game the papers assert that the people of the United States are desirous of using "Canada's advantages and natural resources for their own benefit." The Mail disagrees most emphatically with these journals when they cry that reciprocity would spell ruin for the Dominion.

It would be foolish to deny that foolish to attempt to claim that the United States government in favoring reciprocity is actuated by any an Ottawa despatch under flamin ada. The United States government \$315,000 of unauthorized work was the president and his colleagues real- 'Dalhousie' instead of "Bathurst. ize that the continuance of unna- This probably refers to the \$30.00 tural trade barriers between the two dredging scandal, which a Tor moves their actions.

man in the two countries knows this works in the eyes of the public. But no sensible man believes that reciprocity in natural products Brockville Times:-Manager W. R supposed sensible men, in their mis- and making false statements. able to the Dominion.

ize that the concessions obtained by United States manufacturers under ernments have to do almost wholly closer commercial relations. with natural products. This means the opening of the important markets of the United States with its ment will see to it that one of the millions on millons of people to the new cruisers of the Canadian navy is citizens of Canada, few in number given the name of Fredericton. compared with the population of the republic. Does any sane man suppose that this would not mean a those papers and men who cry that defendant in the case of the Dominreciprocity would mean ruin to Canada believe that the United States people are so far superior to the of the case are interesting. Some-Canadians in business ability as to time ago Messrs. T. Eaton Company make it possible for the former coun- Ltd., of Toronto, shipped to one try to capture the commercial con- Henry Norman, of Plaster Rock, Vic trol of this part of the continent? toria county, goods to the value of For our part we admit holding a \$40.00. By mistake, the goods were higher opinion of the capabilities Morgan, who also resides in Plaster of the people of our Dominion.

occasions that they are able to hold for them. The plaintiff was compelltheir own in competition with the the mistake, and brought this suit people of other nations, in commer-against Morgan for the recovery o cial competition as in other things. the goods. Morgan did not appear, Nor has there come any change in and judgment was signed by default. our national qualities which would justify the feelings that we must now fear competition. This being so and as the important United States cruise on July 7th. They will come markets would be opened to Canada up the river as far as Fredericton. under reciprocity it is hard to see how the blue ruin predictions of the who are attacking the federal government through the reciprocity dis- his home this morning.

The Tailn Mail cussions are justifiable. As a matter of fact, the reverse of the predictions is entirely justifiable. Under the proposed agreement, if it is rat-

> If the Canadian people will consider the agreement on its merits, freeing themselves from the influence of the advocates of the protectionist interests and the influence of seekers of party gain, they will be found strongly favorable to it. And the Mail believes that the Canadian people are self-reliant enough to exercise their own judgment in this as in all other matters.

The Toronto Telegram (Conservative) makes these remarks which are commended to the St. John Standard:-"There is no question at all sault his policies and leave his per-

red-handed in another grave politic- the most interesting of those presental crime. The Ottawa correspondent ed, as it showed that Fredericton spent only 30 cents per man in that province on public works, while in Nova Scotia \$2 per man was expend- were present. ed, and in the minister's own political preserve of New Brunswick \$4 per man was the alloted portion the United States people would seek For some reason Mr. Crocket and D to gain all that they possibly could Daniel do not appear to have take through reciprocity. It would be part in the discussion on this poin

The Tory Toronto News published philantrophic desire to assist Can- headlines, which sets forth "tha is favorable to reciprocity because done through a telegram reading countries must be injurious to their organ nearer home tells us that Mr. own country as it must be to Can- Crocket discovered in the public acada. The nations of the world have counts committee at Ottawa. The yet to reach that lofty place where Toronto Tory organ has found it unselfishness is the spirit which necessary to magnify Mr. Crocket's alleged discovery ten fold. The News Of course the United States expects has on more than one occasion dethat benefit would come to it from monstrated the fact that it is ready reciprocity. The Canadian ministers to go to any extreme in its efforts know this full well. Every sensible to prejudice the minister of public

would result in United States con- Travers, ol the Farmer's bank, ha trol, of Canadian trade through some pleaded guilty to charges of thef guided zeal for making capital a- few weeks ago he stood in the Brockgainst the Liberal government, are at ville rolice court pressing charges present publicly professing to hold against a young man who had been such an opinion. As a matter of in charge of a branch near here, with fact, there is a strong opposition in the result that his subordinate offi- mended the acquirement of a site for the republic to the proposed agree- cer was sent to penitentiary for a new central station. The option ment because it is felt by many per- three years. Fate has been ironical sons there that the terms of the a in the swiftness with which it has greement are all together too favor- dealt out retribution to the older man. What a meeting there will be as possible. The apparatus and hors Across the border the people real- between the two at Kingston!

It looks as if Canada and the Un- a suitable animal with which to rethe agreement are very slight indeed. ited States would celebrate one hun- place her. He reported that the as-The concessions made by both gov- dred years of peace by entering into

It is to be hoped that the govern-

WRONG MAN GOT THE GOODS.

Globe:-Before Judge Forbes, in greater advantage to the Dominion County Court Chambers this morning than it would to United States? Do final judgment was signed against the ion Express Company vs. Henry Morgan, for \$40.00 and costs. The facts Rock, who accepted delivery but re-Canadians have shown on many fused to yield up the articles or pay ed to pay T. Eaton Company for

WILL COME HERE

The Royal Kennebecasis yacht squadron will start on their annual

Hon. J. K. Flemming, who was in the city attending the meeting of the provincial government, returned to

J. ARTHUR THOMPSON ASSESSOR

A. C. Fleming Not Reappointed---Building Boom Experienced by City During Past Year---Amendment to Police Commission Act Adopted Unanimously.

pointing assistant assessors, did not found to be in proper condition. re-appoint A. C. Fleming, but appointed J. Arthur Thompson. Ald. Calder and Ald. Jewett supported the defeated candidate, the Council dividing on party lines. Just after the Report for the year. vote was taken, Ald. Calder remarkas to the blamelessness of Hon. W. ed that civic elections had evidently year of \$4,002.68. During the year S. Fielding's private life and the in- some influence on the vote. The ses- preceding there had been an adverse tegrity of his public life. Critics sion was a lengthy one, but was balance of \$1,660. Ald. Clark stated of Hon. W. S. Fielding should as mainly devoted to the presentation that there was no necessity for in of annual reports and the considera- creasing the assessment next year. tion of the city bills, which are to

of the Montreal Gazette tells the had experienced quite a building story as follows:—"The House spent boom during the past year. Upthe day in supply, and during the the erection of new buildings in addiwhole of the sitting Mir. Pugaley was tion to a large amount spent on the engaged in the task of explaining to repairing and remodelling of buildthe little group of Manitoba Conserlings. As outlined in The Mail yesvative members why the government terday, the resolution for the amendment of the Police Commission Act was passed.

All members of 'the City Council

AUDITOR'S REPORT

n.	The auditor's report for the mont
	was passed as follows:
r	Roads and streets \$456.
n	Public Works 15.
t.	City Hall 123.
	Cintingent 100.
	Fire 190
d	Canada Temperance Act 25.
g	Municipal Home
t	Market 4.
s	Administration of Justice 1,997.
	Street lighting 683.
g ,,	Sewerage expenses 13.
,,	Water 877.4
0	
у	Total \$4,488.
3	On the motion of Ald. Mitchell se

onded by Ald. VanWart, it was decided to pay the first installment on the snow-plowing contract.

The usual monthly and quarterly salaries and allowances were voted.

MUNICIPAL HOME REPORT

Ald. Jewett presented the report of the Municipal Home Committee. He reported a balance on hand of \$64.00. On his motion a cheque for \$100 issue in favor of Commissioner Boone. Ald. Weddall reported on tax col-

	lections as follows:		
	January 1910	\$830.	.3
S	January 1910., 1	,525.	38
t	Transace i- 1011	COF	

FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT

ing any money on repairs to the pres-ernor-in-council. ent Central Fire Station and recomthat he had obtained on the Torrence lot on Carleton Street had ex pired on February 3rd. He thought something should be done as soon es were in good condition. The lad der- truck horse had not been replaced as it had been impossible to get essment for the year for fire pur- proposals. poses had been \$4,000 and that there

thought was most creditable. BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT

port of Building Inspector George perial view points, to be made a Ross. The report stated that 26 party issue upon which the stalwarts new buildings had been erected in the are to be lined up on either side. city during the year at a cost of "If we are to have a new tariff ar-\$74,400, 23 buildings had been re- rangement with the United States at paired at a cost of \$30,675 and 17 all, few disinterested men can quesings at a cost at \$2,040. Of the build parties of the proposals contained in ings erected 3 had been brick and 23 the Fielding-Knox correspondence. wooden. Particular mention was School Building. Inspector Ross al- but let the sober, serious opinion of

The City Council last night in ap- | theatres had been inspected and were Ald. VanWart presented the report of the Water Committee.

NO INCREASED ASSESSMENT

Ald. Clark presented the Auditor's

Ald. Clark also reported on behalf be presented to the provincial legis- of the Committee on Legislation conlature for enactment. The report of cerning the city bills which would go Hon. Dr. Pugsley has been caught Building Inspector Ross was one of before the legislature at the coming

Ald. Hooper reported that the subcommittee appointed to secure the use of the drill-hall for cattle.judging during the Farmers' and Dairymen's Convention had not yet succeeded in obtaining the use of the building, he expected success shortly however.

City Clerk McCready presented in detail the bills to be presented to the legislature by the city. Some minor amendments were made.

CHANGE IN ASSESSORS

Ald. Calder seconded by Ald. Jewett moved that the present assistant assessors Messrs. H. C. Mackey and A. C. Fleming be reappointed as the ensuing year.

In amendment Ald. Harrison, moved that Messrs. H. C. Mackey and J Arthur Thompson be appointed assistant assessors.

Ald. Calder said he had nothing against Mr. Thompson, but would like to hear some reason for turning down Mr. Fleming. The latter was well qualified. In all fairness to Mr Thompson .he must say that Mr Fleming was better qualified to fill the position.

Ald. Harrison, said that he had promised Mr. Thompson some time ago to support him for the office of assistant asses

Messrs. H. C. Mackey and J. Arthur Thompson were appointed assistant assessors when a vote was taken Ald. Calder and Ald. Jewett were the only supporters of Mr. Flemming.

POLICE COMMISSION ACT

Ald. VanWart seconded by Ald. Osborne moved the adoption of a resolution calling for the amendment of the Police Commission Act as outlined by the Mail yesterday. The resolution was passed unanimously. According to the resolution control of the police commission will be entirely removed from the City Council. The commission will consist of three members, the mayor and his successors, the Police Magistrate and Ald. Walker on behalf of the Fire his successors and a third member to committee reported against expend- be appointed by the lieutenant-gov

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT WILL BIND EMPIRE

Toronto, Feb. 6-Mr. H. H. wart, K. C., in a long letter to the a national issue which transcends Globe, makes a plea for a non-parti- either local conditions or party consan consideration of the reciprocity siderations.

"It is unfortunate," says Mr. Dewas an unexpended balance at the end wart, "that the proposed reciprocal Great Britain was deliberately and of the year of \$667. The showing he tariff arrangement with the United States has already been made a political football.

"It is too large and vital a ques-Ald. Walker also presented the re- tion, both from the national and Imhas not seemed good to Great Britain

metal roofs had been put on build- tion the reasonable fairness to both then any reapproachment between

"Let us have discussion, and full the new St. Dunstan's liscussion, not merely in parliament, and it is our duty to accept it. This so reported that the moving picture men be heard, who feel that this is

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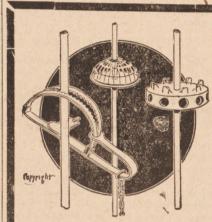
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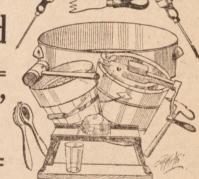
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significance. The preference given to

wisely granted, because it was in the

Canadian interest. It opened for con-

sideration the whole question of pre-

ferential trade wirhin the Empire. It

to adopt such a policy. Its adoption

there and its acceptance here would

have made the present proposals im-

Great Britain has been settled, and it

must be so for sometime to come

Canada and the United States which

does not interfere with our national

existence on Imperial lines, makes

for the conservation of the Empire

is to my mind the strongest argu-

proposals.'

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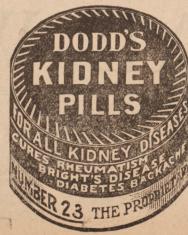
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