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Mr. Bentley, of St. John, Shows That Under the Present Government the Central Road is Operated at Great Loss to the People--Business Offering for the Road but Government's Commissioners Make No Effort to Obtain It--Reciprocity Also Well Discussed--Absurd Contention That Reciprocity Means Lessening of Canadian Loyalty Thoroughly Dissected by Opposition Member.

Speaking in the House on Thursday evening Mr. Bentley, of St. John, brought forward some excellent ideas in regard to the affairs of the province. Since the speech is published herewith in condensed form, it will not be necessary for us to make any extended reference to it. However, we may point out that Mr. Bentley well drew attention to the unfortunate fact that under the present provincial government, the Central railway is causing a greater loss per annum than ever before. Moreover, apparently no attempt is being made to take advantage of the opportunity of increasing the road's business that is offered by the development undertaken by a newly organized coal company in the district tributary to the road.

Mr. Bentley's telling remarks regarding the important question of reciprocity will also repay a very careful reading. He deals effectively with the cry raised by certain selfish "interests" for selfish purposes that reciprocity would mean the lessening of Canadian loyalty to the little isle across the sea which has done so much for humanity and whose flag is revered in many lands, and in no land more than in this Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Bentley said that some valuable information had been given to the House in the debate and particularly valuable was the information regarding the lumber cut which was given by the Leader of the Opposition during the afternoon. He him that the future welfare of this province believed that too much lumber is being cut on the Crown Land and the province is being jeopardized in consequence.

He wished to refer to the unprovoked attack which had been made on him by the Hon. Mr. Maxwell. It was too bad that untrue statements should be made reflecting on the character of members in the House. It is not given us to see ourselves as others see us but it was news to him that he is a hypocrite and continually thanking God he was not like other men. When Mr. Maxwell had raised his hands to high Heaven, he did not look as if he were accustomed to that act. His hon. friend read some letters accusing him and his firm of destroying the public bridges and stating that he was not a very proper man to represent a constituency in the Legislature. The impression conveyed by these letters was entirely wrong. It had been the custom to load lumber at either of these bridge-places of business and another bridge nearby, both of which had been placed in fine condition by the old government. It is not convenient to load lumber at either of these bridge-places and it is only done when other landings are in use. On the occasion mentioned by Mr. Maxwell, both the regular landings were blocked and continued to be so for a fortnight. He had sent lumber to load and had ordered vessels from St. John to take it on board. Not wishing to keep the vessels waiting, he loaded them from the bridges. The vessels did not touch any part of the bridge and NOT FIVE CENTS WORTH OF DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE

BRIDGE AND THE PUBLIC WAS NOT DELAYED FIVE MINUTES WHILE HE WAS LOADING HIS LUMBER. Probably he would be asked why the letters read by Mr. Maxwell had been written. The men who wrote the letters were friends of his and he did not think Mr. Maxwell had authority to read them. Unfortunately a relative of his got into some financial difficulty with one of his neighbors and the neighbor, as a consequence, had written the letters as a sort of vengeance against him, but that neighbor had since expressed his regret for having done so.

With regard to the charge that he had obstructed the roads, he admitted that some of his wood might have been a little close to the roads but all other concerns had been in the same position in this connection as his. The commissioner of the roads in that section was guilty of the same offence to exactly the same degree.

A grant of public money was given through Premier Hazen for work on the section of roads referred to upon his (Bentley's) representations, but the money was withheld and he was informed that the money was not to be spent while he was using the roads. He did not think this a proper state of affairs and the people in his part of St. John County would resent such unfair treatment.

The St. John Standard he said, had prophesied his dismissal from public life, but the Standard said the same thing at the time of the bye-election in St. John County when he was elected and the people would pay no more attention to the Standard at the next election than they did then.

Concerning the Central Railway he quoted figures to show that the receipts from the road under the present government are greater than formerly but THERE ARE LARGE DEFICITS apparently, the governments it easier to be caustic critics than to be competent administrators.

Hon. Mr. Maxwell had gone into a terrible state about the waste of money on the Central under the old government, but he had not said anything as to what would be done to improve the conditions so that the great business which the Canadian Coal Corporation is offering might be handled. The government will be judged in part on their record on the Central and SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT CONDITIONS ARE BETTERED INSTEAD OF POURING FORTH LAMENTATIONS, as he did Hon. Mr. Maxwell, as to what had been done under the old government. It is poor business policy to be placing cheaply-paid managers in charge of the railway, which represents an investment of \$1,000,000 and competent management, even if it cost more, would bring better results.

He did not charge there is any dishonesty in the administration of the roads and bridge money, but the government's own report placed before this House gives AMPLE EVIDENCE OF MISMANAGEMENT. With more revenue, \$78,000 less was spent on the roads through the Highway Boards. Good roads would do more to increase the value of farm properties, to improve conditions of farm life and increase the rural population than anything else. He advocated placing the handling of the money for roads and ordinary bridges directly with the Municipal Councils as there would then be double results from the money expended and the department would be relieved of much of its work.

It is not right to say that there never was anything done for agriculture before this government came into power. The hon. Surveyor General is an honest administrator but from reading his report one might judge that the wild game in this country had been imported from elsewhere by this government since they came into power while the truth is that there was about as much game three years ago as now.

Regarding the reciprocity amendment that had been moved by Mr. Robinson he said that in the twelve years that there had been a reciprocal trade agreement in force between this country and the United States, about fifty years ago and during the period of the agreement Canada's trade increased some \$40,000,000 and that was a big increase at that time. The United States thought the agreement wasn't a good thing for them and it was abrogated and Can-

ada's trade fell off \$20,000,000 in the first year afterwards.

The renewal of that agreement had been sought by different governments of Canada because it was felt that better trade relations would offer great advantages to this country. He wouldn't say that there would be better prices for agricultural products, but it would make a better market for the products, would make a market for everything that could be raised on all the farms of New Brunswick and it would bring people who had left this province back to this country again. There are now many tons of hay in the barns and in stacks outside the barns in the southern portion of this province and it would be a great thing for those farmers who own this hay if there was not a duty of \$4 per ton on hay entering the United States from Canada so that they could ship to the former country and get good prices.

THE ADOPTION OF THE RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENT BEFORE THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT WOULD, HE BELIEVED, MEAN AN ADVANTAGE OF \$1 PER THOUSAND TO LUMBER SHIPPERS IN THIS PROVINCE. Lack of access to the United States market had depleted the fishing industry in Nova Scotia and had no doubt affected that industry in this province. He believed the coasting trade would be built up again and schooners would be constructed for this trade along the coast of the Bay of Fundy if this reciprocal agreement is adopted. The natural market for the coal from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is largely in the United States.

He believed that reciprocity should be given a trial. It is not necessary that it be permanently adopted now. There is no treaty proposed and the agreement could be annulled at any time. Regarding the argument that the loyalty of Canadians would be endangered by the adoption of the trade agreement, he felt that this is a very lame argument. Nobody would like to have it put up to him personally that, because he happened to sell some meat or some lumber or farm produce to somebody who lived on the other side of the boundary line, it was likely to affect his loyalty to the British flag. SUCH AN ARGUMENT IS AN INSULT TO THE INTELLIGENCE OF CANADIANS. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE UNITED STATES DECIDED TO THROW OFF THEIR IMPORT DUTIES ON ARTICLES GOING IN-

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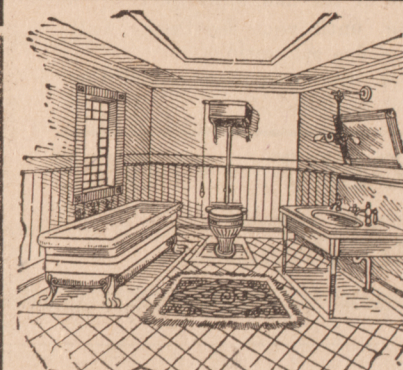
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