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APPEAL TO ELECTORS

Electors of St. John:—
Consider the political situation as it stands today.

Against the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier are arrayed the special interests who oppose every reduction in the tariff, as something that might reduce their exorbitant profits. Against it also are the protected interests in the United States, which in their own country fought against reciprocity. There is also the Nationalist party in Quebec, which is opposed to British connection, and whose support Mr. Borden gladly accepts for his candidates, while he does not oppose them.

This is the combination which appeals to self-interest, to race prejudice, to national prejudices and fear and hatred, in a reckless effort to defeat the government under which Mr. Borden admits Canada today enjoys unexampled prosperity and peace.

Does this country desire to stand still or go forward? Does it want a premier, who can defy Mr. Bourassa, or one who would be under Bourassa's thumb? The British government favors the trade agreement. Chancellor Lloyd George says it is a "great triumph of common sense, including a step towards the fraternalizing and co-operation of the English speaking family." Who dares to say in the face of this that there is any disloyalty, or menace to the Empire. The real traitors are the small-time politicians who wave the flag and exhaust their lungs in an effort to arouse prejudices against the American people.

The trade agreement is a very simple one. The United States now gets more than half of Canada's trade with all the world. Under reciprocity that trade will flow more freely, to the advantage alike of the Canadian producer and consumer. This must be clear to every unprejudiced person who takes the trouble to read the agreement itself. It deals with natural products. Manufacturers are fully protected. It is in the power of Canada to terminate the agreement at any time. This is the situation. Can any reasoning and reasonable man oppose the government which has gained this great boon for Canada? Surely not.

A SERIOUS MATTER

If reciprocity is defeated, and the lumber cut from Maine logs in mills at St. John is compelled, as it has been since Aug. 8th, to pay duty on entering the United States market, the mills will be removed to Maine, to save the duty. There is no doubt about this result. The duty paid in a single year would erect a fine mill in Maine.

What would the closing of Stearns, Cutler & Co's mills mean? It would compel several hundred men to seek new employment, and probably leave the city with their families. That would be a blow to them, and to the storekeepers who sell them goods. It would throw a heavier burden of taxation upon the rest of the citizens. From every standpoint it would be bad for the city.

This is a matter not to be lightly treated. St. John has been and is seeking new industries. The removal of the duty on rough lumber will strengthen the position of its sawmills, and to that extent benefit the workmen, the merchants and the tax-paying community. Can we afford to weaken our industrial position?

There are very many Canadians now living in the United States who are still British subjects. Would it be disloyal to trade with them?

Reports from the constituencies show that for small, petty and mean canvasses, the Conservatives this time are making a new record.

Liberals of St. John, your loyalty has been challenged by your opponents, whose organ calls you annexationists. Hand them one on the 21st.

Dr. Daniel and his supporters should agree upon the story they are to tell the honest farmer when they are out on a vote.

The Standard asked Dr. Pugsley to state what Sir William Van Horne had not developed Grand Falls. Dr. Pugsley promptly replied that Sir William had resigned the presidency of the company, giving as his reason that he had lost faith in the Hazen government and would have nothing to do

with any project subject to provincial legislation. That should hold the Standard for a few days.

Dr. Alward is now ridiculed by the Conservatives. His crime is that he stands by the traditional policy of the Conservative party.

The Conservative candidate in North Essex, Ont., in a speech this week, said: "I believe that Laurier will carry the country and you will get reciprocity."

"Canada is making history today, not re-enacting it," says the Standard. Dr. Alward's review of the history of Conservative treatment of St. John from 1880 till 1890 must have struck home.

Mr. Bourassa speaking in support of a Conservative candidate in Hull fixes the Borden-Bourassa alliance beyond the shadow of doubt. How do St. John people like the combination?

Reciprocity helps both the producer and consumer. The former gets a wider market in which to sell, and the latter gets free entry or reduced duty on food products at times when it is necessary to import them.

Mr. James Lowell's friends in the city and county will show his opponents on Sept. 21st whether he is a "political accident" or not. The victims to be dragged from the wreck will not include Mr. Lowell.

With the support of Hon. John Morison, Hon. Mr. Burchill, Mr. Ernest Hutchinson, Mr. James Robinson, and other prominent Liberals and Conservatives in Northumberland, Mr. Loggie may even increase his last remarkable majority.

Neither Mr. Borden, Dr. Daniel, Hon. Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Agar, nor any other Conservative speaker has had the courage to say whether he personally believed that reciprocity would lead to annexation. They dare not give a direct answer to this question.

Mr. M. E. Agar fears for the loyalty of the next generation. Suppose we endeavor to pursue a policy that will make for the prosperity and happiness of the next generation, and assume that they will be quite as able to look after their loyalty as we are to assert our own. That would appear to be sound common sense.

Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, should know something about public opinion in that province. He says the Liberals will gain some seats there, and he can not see where they will lose any. All this talk about Conservative victory is the usual pre-election boasting, such as was heard in 1908. The government will have a large majority, and St. John people will do their share to roll it up.

It would be a waste of time to deal at any length with statements appearing in the St. John Standard. That paper has no regard whatever for fairness or truth. For example, in an editorial this morning it says: "The Times last evening expressed regret that the Canadian Militia and British Regulars chased the invading Americans out of Canada in 1812." The person who penned this sentence penned a deliberate lie. Falsehood and gross misrepresentation are the stock in trade of the organ of Dr. Daniel and Mr. Powell.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley pointed out on Wednesday evening that this year western Canada will produce 37,000,000 more bushels of wheat than the United Kingdom imported from all wheat growing countries last year. What will the production of Canada be five or ten years hence? To ask the question is to suggest the great importance of enlarging the free market of the Canadian grain grower, whose prosperity means so much for all Canada.

While the Conservative cantors are trying to persuade the people of St. John that reciprocity will ruin east and west trade, Mayor Frink brings news from Montreal that the C. P. R. is anxious to proceed with the work of providing additional facilities at Sand Point for handling this trade. They are also making very heavy expenditures at the head of the harbor. Do these Conservative speakers think the people are fools? The younger and less well-informed they are, the louder these Bourassa men shout. But the people are not deceived.

Rudyard Kipling is opposed to reciprocity. Perhaps he knows more about it than Premier Asquith, Chancellor Lloyd-George, Hon. Sydney Buxton, Lord Haldane, Rt. Hon. James Bryce and other eminent Englishmen who are in favor of the agreement; but the average Canadian will prefer to accept their views. Mr. Kipling's latest literary efforts have not added to his reputation, and as an adviser of the Canadian people he has never been taken too seriously. He once wrote that Canada was mistress in her own house, and that was true. She is still mistress, and is making a very good job of it, although not quite to the liking of Mr. Bourassa and some other friends of Mr. R. L. Borden.

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When Sikes will Rain,
When Maids will Wed,
The Word "Refrain!"
The Heron sought to sup his fill
Upon the Clam, who caught his bill
And held him fast, till, nothing loath,
The Hungry Fisher bagged them both.
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