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THE HALIFAX OUTLOOK

The recent visit of Messrs. McNicoll and Bosworth of the C. P. R. to Halifax has caused a lively discussion in that city, and given rise to great hopes of commercial growth. So many citizens attended the banquet tendered the C. P. R. officials that the overflow had to go to another dining room.

The Maritime Merchant, in a long article on the subject, takes a view which coincides with certain remarks made in St. John the other day by Mr. M. J. Butler. Mr. Butler said that however opinions might differ regarding the best port for the fast mail and passenger business, St. John had the advantage as a freight port, because of the shorter haul. The Merchant does not state the case in these words, but puts it in another way, as follows:

"We have not a word to say against the idea of putting Halifax directly on the world's great highway between east and west, but frankly we have lower expectations of benefit to the city from what the C. P. R. can do for us in the Annapolis Valley than from anything it is ever likely to do should it run into Halifax over the I. C. R., or even over its own rails. A statement like this so savors of treason to the ambitions of Halifax, that perhaps we had better make our explanation a little more clear. What we mean is that the full and proper development of the agricultural and horticultural resources of western Nova Scotia will contribute more to the wealth of the province and the city of Halifax than all the export trade which shipment of Halifax is likely to get by the advent of improved transcontinental connections.

There is no doubt that the Merchant's view is correct. Halifax will derive benefit from the advent of the C. P. R. by way of the Annapolis valley route, and as the years pass it will get a larger share of the through business of Canada, but its greatest gain will be through local development in Nova Scotia. Even the fast mail and passenger business would not bring any such profit to the port as increased local development.

The Merchant deals with another matter of great importance, not only to Halifax but to the two provinces. President Johnson, of the board of trade, appears to have taken advantage of the presence of the C. P. R. officials to make an onslaught on the I. C. R. Mr. Johnson has a somewhat reckless habit of expression, and the Merchant remarks:

"While on this point we hope that neither Mr. McNicoll nor Mr. Bosworth will take it for granted that everyone here holds the same opinion as President Johnson with regard to the I. C. R. It seems to be the popular thing for some newspapers and public speakers to loudly find fault with the management of the I. C. R., and some of the things they say are perfectly absurd. As a matter of fact there is no part of the American continent that has so little of a railway problem as the Maritime Provinces. How could we have a problem here when our water facilities give us the open door everywhere?"

The Merchant points out that the I. C. R. board of commissioners may be able in the course of a few years to so change the conditions that western opinion with regard to government ownership of the railway will also undergo a change. Then it says:

"In any case it is not going to do the country any good or help the prospects of the road to tell men who may want to buy that it is getting into a state of delapidation. We shall be very glad to see the C. P. R. tie up with Halifax and are glad to note that Mr. B. F. Pearson was able to interest them in the D. A. R. project. But do not let us make any mistake about surrendering our interest in our own road. It has its faults, no doubt, but they are as the warmth of the frying pan as compared with the heat of the fire in comparison with what they might be if we were to make the mistake of letting it get out of our own control."

These observations will commend themselves to the people of the maritime provinces. A proposal to hand the I. C. R. over to a private company would be resisted with all the power of the people.

RECIPROCITY

Along with the statement from Ottawa that the government will next month take up reciprocity negotiations with Washington, believing that valuable results may be obtained, comes an interesting expression of views from the other side of the border. Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican of the Republic, has declared himself very strongly in favor of reciprocity with Canada. He says:

"You know, all our people here are anxious for reciprocity. I have always been anxious for the best trade relations with Canada, and I should be very glad indeed if we could make a reciprocity treaty that would be beneficial to both of us. I think it can be done. I know the president is working very hard for that object, and I sincerely hope it will come to pass. We have been settling all our outstanding questions with Canada—and I have been very glad to do so—and I hope that now we can get some reciprocal arrangement in trade. I think it would be a very great benefit to us all."

Another notable statement is made by Eugene N. Foss, whose election to congress on a reciprocity platform in Massachusetts last spring set the whole country talking about this new factor in New England politics. Mr. Foss says:

"I won on a reciprocity and tariff revision platform by 8,000 in a district formerly Republican by 14,000. After that I assisted in the Roosevelt campaign, when Mr. Havens did practically the same as I had done here on a platform for better trade relations with Canada. Subsequently I spoke in Vermont and in Maine, and found that the opposition to reciprocity which the farmers there are supposed to entertain has practically disappeared, if it ever existed. The farmers, like the manufacturers, want Canadian farm products admitted free in the hope of reducing the cost of living."

But the most significant statement made by Mr. Foss is in these words:

"I believe that it is the duty of the United States to reduce her duties to a level of those of Canada, as a basis upon which to negotiate. This would indicate our good faith and the Canadian government would be more ready to treat with us under these circumstances than otherwise."

This is not the statement of a man seeking to make gain for the United States at the expense of Canada. He would be gain by lowering the American tariff before asking any concessions at all from Canada. More than that, he would strike off the American duty on food products, fish, wood-pulp, and pulp-wood, whether Canada did the same or not. After all that had been done he would negotiate for reciprocity in regard to manufactured goods.

The Republican party, and doubtless a large section of the Democratic party, would refuse point-blank to go as far as Mr. Foss proposes; but there has been a remarkable advance along that very line in public sentiment during the last year; and in response to a genuine and unmistakable demand President Taft has asked the Canadian government to consider proposals looking to at least a limited measure of reciprocity.

An Ottawa despatch states that the government believes good will come of the negotiations. Why not? The Canadian manufacturers are opposed to the negotiations, because they fear a reduction of their profits. The conservative press is getting into line in opposition to the scheme because the party recognizes that the successful negotiation of even a very limited reciprocity treaty would increase the popularity of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government. But the great mass of the people are quite willing to have their government meet that of the United States in friendly conference on the trade question, confident that Canada's interests will not be sacrificed. It would be an extraordinary act for any government to reject the friendly advances of a friendly neighbor.

Why not celebrate the hundred years of peace by celebrating a reciprocity treaty of mutual benefit?

THE LATE WILLIAM BOWDEN

Probably no man in the province was better known than the late William Bowden, who died Thursday morning after a week's illness. His wide general knowledge gave him a high standing among his colleagues in this trade. Mr. Bowden was born in Fredericton in 1834, and was, therefore, in his 76th year. For upwards of forty years he was the St. John manager of Mr. Alex. Gibson's large lumbering and shipping business, which brought him in close touch with all the business and shipping community. During the last few years Mr. Bowden has been the manager of the St. John Forwarding Company, an organization closely connected with the Gibson business. Mr. Bowden was not a society man and never sought public honors, but few in the community were better informed on general civic matters. Quiet and reserved he was, but he nevertheless found opportunity to do much good. Mr. Bowden married Miss Phoebe Comerford, daughter of Patrick Comerford, the first shipping master of St. John. Mrs. Bowden has been for some time in the west with her two daughters, Mrs. D. Reesler, wife of Prof. Reesler, and Miss Florence. She is not in very robust health, and so will not likely return to St. John. V. C. Bowden, the well-known musician of this city, is the only son. The funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday from his son's residence, 74 Sydney street.

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DECLARES FARMERS WANT RECIPROCITY

Master of Dominion Grange Says Ontario, Quebec and Maritime Farmers are Against Protection

Toronto, Sept. 30.—E. C. Drury, master of the Dominion Grange, in a letter to the press on reciprocity, says in part:

"Emphatically the farmers of Ontario and I believe, of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, stand with the farmers of the West, in their demands for real and substantial tariff reduction. In regard to the proposed arrangements with the United States for free trade in farm products and agricultural implements, the farmers of this country have everything to gain, and nothing to lose."

"For every reason, of justice, of expediency, of national well-being, the time is ripe for the disappearance of protection. The only classes in Canada who really want it to continue are those who profit by it, and the politicians who for reasons of party expediency do their bidding. The people, and practically all the farmers are united in their desire that it shall go. There are not wanting signs that it is going."

Roll all lamp burners occasionally in soda water; soak the wicks in vinegar.

SAY NOT THE STRUGGLE

Say not the struggle nought availeth,
The labor and the wounds are vain,
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,
And as things have been they remain.

If hopes were dunes, fears may be liars;
It may be, in yon smoke concealed,
Your comrades chase e'en now the fiend,
And, but for you, possess the field.

For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,
Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back through creeks and inlets making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.

And not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light,
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly,
But westward, look, the land is bright.

—A. H. C. H. C. H.

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"Melancholy temperament, hey?"
"Not that I know of. He works in the mines."—Baltimore American.

CHAWLIE'S RECORD.

"Yas, Chawlie, holds the awning record."
"The awning record?"
"Yas. He's burned up nine of them, don't you know, throwing lighted cigarettes out of up-pah windows."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

AFTERMATH.

The days are short,
The summer's spent;
The sun, too, is caught,
Without a cent.

—T. E. M.

CURING CONCEPT.

"He used to have a good opinion of himself."
"Hain't he now?"
"No, he ran for office recently, and wasn't even close when the votes were counted."

TROUBLE.

"We had a dreadful quarrel at the card club this afternoon."
"Why?"
"Some of the women wanted to spend a dollar for the prize this year, but the fifty-cent women wouldn't stand for it."

PEACE PREFERRED.

"I'm glad I'm not a candidate. The reasons I don't seek scarcely state. It seems to me a crying shame. To smudge some other fellow's name. Or when the fires of hatred burn. To get your own smudged in return. In short, I hate a battleground. Where fur is flying all around."

—New York Telegram.

THEIR VERDICT.

"Fetch the body," ordered the foreman. "Toss it into the jury box."
The body was laid before them. The jury made a careful examination and questioned the attending surgeon.
"What was he shot?"
"Square through the heart."
"Dead in the centre of the heart!"
"Right in the centre."
"Who shot him?"
"Jake Daniels."

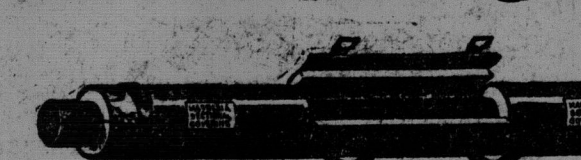
A death witness declared that Jake fired the shot, and Jake himself admitted it. The jury consulted softly for some time.
"Well, gentlemen of the jury," said the foreman, "what's your verdict?"
"Vas, judge," answered the foreman, "we come to the conclusion that Jake Daniels is the dankest shot in these parts—and don't you forget it."—Chicago-Ocean.

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