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THE CONSERVATIVE POLICY

As yet Mr. Borden's statements are negative. He has enunciated no affirmative principles. "We will not give reciprocity," is the sum of his statements. But it may be well to remind the country that Messrs Borden and Foster committed the party at the tariff revision of '06 to the abolition of the British preference and to a tariff against the United States "as high as Haman's galloway." They wholly failed to realize where the rural voters of the Dominion stood, and the party has never recovered from that policy. In the midst of the upheaval and the revolt against extreme protection throughout Canada and the United States, Messrs Borden and Foster stood unmoved. It is not because they are men of steadfast and conviction, never changing. It is due to their Bourbon instincts and to the clamor of the "interests." In spite of apparent firmness here, they are both at present performing the greatest volte-face ever known in Canadian politics.

The first sentence of Sir Wilfrid's manifesto declares: "At all times during the past forty years, it has been the constant effort of all political parties in Canada to make with the United States an arrangement for the free exchange of natural products between the two countries." This is simply the statement of a fact known to every novice in Canadian history. Mr. Foster changed in a day, yes, in an hour, from this policy although he is not a man of headlong enthusiasm. He is not impulsive or magnetic. Just now he resembles an icicle adrift, adrift, apart, more than anything else. No man could hope with but little persuasion, to make him recede from a course he had marked out for himself. Nothing but the command of the manufacturers could have done it.

But in justice to Mr. Foster it should be said that anything against a lowering of tariffs would jump in line with his natural inclinations. Reciprocity has been his professed policy for years, but it was not a policy native to the soil of his inclinations. A tariff wall as high as the galloway of Haman is more agreeable to him, coupled with the abolition of the British preference.

That would be the first "patriotic" course adopted by this school of patriots should they once find themselves in power. Mr. Foster loves the whole system of extreme protection and the whole movement in the country against it has been surging on for years, yet it leaves him cold. He has not in the least realized that the farmers are no longer satisfied to work out in the sun and trust all their interests to people who sit, comfortable, and enjoy their special privileges in the shade.

The party has no affirmative policy now, other than the extreme of high protection and abolition of the British preference. Every politician of standing, outside of these Conservative leaders, has felt the desire and has been affected by the enthusiasm of the people for the removal of trade restrictions. This is true among all Anglo-Saxon peoples. Mr. Balfour threw the issue of protection overboard in the midst of his last campaign. Only the noble Lord Cecil and a few others of that ilk look forward to bask in the extra privileges it would bring. President Taft, who pronounced the Payne-Aldrich tariff "very good," said a short time ago at Providence: "We must recognize that at time for the Chinese wall is gone. Before an industry receives protection now it must demonstrate the need of that protection, and it must not ask for more protection than it needs." He confesses that, in the past, industries have sought and secured more protection than they required, and that others received it where there was no demonstrated need. Instead of a Chinese wall Mr. Borden would have a wall as high as Haman's galloway and abolish the British preference. This is the last declaratory statement of the party leaders.

FICTION AND FACT

The Standard yesterday said: "The farmers of the State of Maine have all the advantages that reciprocity could bring to the Maritime Provinces of Canada, and none of the disadvantages. They have free access to the much-talked-of market of ninety millions, and cannot be shut out of it suddenly by a vote of congress, as Canadian farmers might be at any time under the reciprocity agreement. They are nearer to the markets of Boston and New York than any part of the Mar-

time Provinces, and yet the farmers of Maine are no more prosperous than those of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. They have no dreams about the value of the market of ninety million people. They know that the cost of railway haul shuts them off from most of the markets of the United States, although there is no tariff to keep them out. The percentage of increase in population is less in Maine than in the Maritime Provinces."

In reply to the Standard let us quote from the speech of Mr. P. B. Carvell in parliament. Mr. Carvell knows the conditions in Maine and in New Brunswick, and he said:—"Let me tell my hon. friend that during the last 20 years, from my constituency alone, about a thousand of our farmers have sold out and gone, not to western Canada, not to the big cities of the United States, but just across that imaginary boundary line into the county of Aroostook, and today they are prosperous and happy. These men have had the advantage of the American market under the same conditions as we shall if this agreement goes through, and as an illustration of their prosperity let me tell you, that on the first day of July last I counted 42 former Canadians who are now resident farmers of the United States, and who crossed over to a Dominion Day celebration in their automobiles. I wonder how soon will the Canadian farmer be able to enjoy such a luxury. I trust that in the near future, under the benefits of this agreement, our Canadian farmers will be able to sell their potatoes in the United States market to the same advantage that our Aroostook friends have been able to do in the past."

Mr. Carvell knows what he is talking about, and cites the facts. The Standard does not know or care about the facts. If it did it would see the folly of asserting that the long rail haul shuts Maine out of the most of the American market, while on the other hand the Standard and other party papers try to persuade the people that the same long rail haul would not prevent the Americans from flooding the Canadian markets with produce.

A SILLY ARGUMENT

One of the silliest arguments of the Conservatives is, thus stated by the *Telegraph* News:—"Government organs persist in the assertion that after raising the reciprocity convention either country could withdraw at will. These newspapers know that this is not a true statement of the case. Once the compact was in operation the \$9,000,000 people of the United States would be able to dictate terms to \$9,000,000 Canadians."

At what period in the history of Canada did its people ever submit to coercion from the United States or any other power? Are the Canadian people less courageous than of old? In the reciprocity agreement it is expressly stipulated that it may be terminated at will by either country. If Canada should desire the change, which nobody believes she would, does any Conservative journal allege that she dare not act?

There is not the slightest reason to believe that either country will desire to terminate an agreement which is so obviously to the advantage of both. That is the view of the Canadian and United States governments. It is the view of reasonable people in both countries, who are not blinded by partisanship. But let there be no misunderstanding, Canada can terminate the agreement whenever she chooses.

Referring to the sneers of some Conservatives concerning Sir Wilfrid Laurier's insistence upon the principle of local autonomy, Collier's Weekly says:—"Home rule as we have it in Canada is a perfectly safe sentiment for any Canadian statesman on any Canadian platform. Where is the man, griot or toby, who wants to abate by one jot or tittle what we have worked one hundred and fifty years to accomplish?"

Mr. Samuel Sharpe, member for North Ontario, has very little confidence in his own patriotism and that of the people generally. In parliament the other day he said:—"If the policy of the Liberal party prevails the stars and stripes will inevitably be floating over the northern part of this continent." Mr. Sharpe will wave the flag very vigorously for the next few weeks, but since he grossly insults his fellow citizens he cannot hope to make much of an impression as the only patriot.

IF I WERE KING

If I were King—ah, love, if I were King—What tributary nations would I bring To stop before your sceptre, and to swear Allegiance to your lips and eyes and hair; Beneath your feet what treasure would I bring?

The stars would be your pearls upon a string, The world a ruby for your finger-ring, And you should have the sun and moon to wear.

If I were King.

Let these wild dreams and wilder words take wing, Deep in the woods I heard a shepherd sing, Of love that ever finds your face more fair; I could not give you any goodlier thing, —Justin Huntley McCarthy.

A SONG OF THE MARSHES

Man is the lord of the land and the moon is the queen of the sea,
But the marshes have neither lord nor queen, the fair wide marshes are free.

Their blossoms flaunt in the wind, which sows what the frost doth reap,
And all the marsh is set with a life that never knows sleep.

Swallows twitter and dart, while in the sun-gleam weather,
Grasses and rushes and rippling reeds, dance down the wind together.

Oh, the life, sunny marshes so jubilant and free!
The shimmering, singing marshes, that neither are land nor sea!

Spangle of myriad fire-flies, frogs that twang through the night,
Whirling of water-birds on pools where the moon shines white;

A stir of things in the darkness, lurking where shadows abide,
Things that are hungry and stealthy, things that rave and hide.

The water-rat gnaws at the roots and the night-heron cries for his prey,
Till the dawn-wind sighs in the reeds, and the marsh-wren heralds the day.

Sound and movement always—life is so eager and free,
In the whispering, singing marshes, that neither are land nor sea.

Then summer ends in the marshes, and all their singing is done;
Gone is the flashing of wings, and the glancing of fire-flies gone.

Only the wind sighs on through the reeds, which wither and are bare,
Earth yields harvest, and so does the sea; but none reaps harvest here.

Untasked—untaxed for their treasure, unfurrowed by share or keel,
The marshes are left alone, while the chill grey-mists steal.

Over the stiffening reed-beds—the clinging mists from the strand—
Velling the sorrowful marshes that neither are land nor sea.

—Maud Going in *Success Magazine*.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Tommy—Ma, may I make believe that I'm entertainin' another little boy?
Ma—Certainly dear.
Tommy—All right, give me some cake for him, then.

POETIC.

Bug In Distance—What are you doing on that hair brush?
Poetic Bug—Don't you recall the poem 'Maud Muller on a summer's day, raked the meadow sweet with hay'?

CRUSHED AGAIN.

"That old man who cried so when I played the violin said it reminded him of his youth. Was he a violinist?"
"Oh, no! He was a piano tuner."

HISTORY CLASS.

Teacher—What lasting event occurred on the 4th of July?
Johnnie—Father signed the pledge.

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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRE

The body of Allan Currie, cook on board the schooner Ethel, of Yarmouth, was found floating in the Miramichi river near Morrison's Cove yesterday afternoon. He came ashore Saturday night in company with Harold Patterson, the mate, and was in his usual health. He was missing the next morning and a search was made. He had no quarrel and there was no suspicion of foul play. Coroner Benson will not hold an inquest as the circumstances point to accidental drowning.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley has stated at Ottawa that in view of the inconvenience occasioned by the closing of a portion of the Harvey & Salisbury Railway, it is his opinion that arrangements will probably be made at once by the company for the opening of the whole line which will later be taken over by the government and operated as part of the international.

The general arbitration treaty between Great Britain, United States and France, will be signed in the office of President Taft in the White House Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Ambassador Bryce will sign jointly with Secretary of State Knox and the treaty will be taken to France for the signature of the minister of foreign affairs.

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COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON
HARBOR MASTER'S COURSE

Many matters of importance were dealt with yesterday at the meeting of the board of public works, Ald. McDermid presiding. A sharp discussion took place on the receipt of a letter from W. H. Thorne complaining that Harbor Master Fleming has unfairly discriminated against him in the allotment of steamers to Walker's wharf which has recently been purchased by him. He complained of loss of revenue by the harbor master's placing coasting schooners at this wharf, and wanted a permanent berth at the wharf for the steamer Amelia.

Mr. Fleming said he was acting in the best interests of the port and thought that the trade with the coasting vessels would have to be protected. Steamers could not be given a special berth except by legislation. The dredge which lay at McAvity's wharf was compelled to do so because there was no other place for it.

This answer, apparently, did not satisfy Ald. Elliott and he moved for the dismissal of Mr. Fleming but did not get a second to his motion. Ald. Elkin commenting upon his action saying he would get no one to support the motion. On motion of Ald. Hayes a committee was appointed to look into the matter, composed of Ald. McDermid, McLeod, Colner and Kierstead, and Elliott.

Tenders were awarded as follows: W. J. Thomas, and Magee & Co. asphalt work, St. John Iron Works, building a screen for the stone roller, cost \$125; and D. C. Clark & Co. for planing Rodney wharf.

Steps were taken to secure possession of the land granted to F. C. Durant for the erection of a sugar refinery, in case the latter were not erected. It was decided to purchase a one-horse pickup sweeper at a cost of \$300. The request to lay an asphalt sidewalk in Canterbury street costing \$150, part of the expense to be borne by J. A. Pugsley Co. was refused.

On motion of Ald. J. B. Jones it was decided to place the ornamental cannons, presented by the government, in King St., Queen St., and the Reed's Point. Ald. C. T. Jones asked that George street be graded more evenly to relieve the congestion in Mill street. It was decided to purchase from T. McAvity & Sons a heating apparatus for the McLeod warehouse.

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(From the Baltimore Herald.)

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