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NATIONALITY IN BALANCE

Reciprocity Condemned By Vote of 289 to 13

BOARD OF TRADE'S VERDICT

Sir Edmund Walker Leads Representative, Non-Partisan Meeting in Denunciation of Government Policy—Action on Patriotic Grounds—Liberal Editor Declares Question Crucial for Administration.

WOULD WRECK BRIDGE

TWIXT EAST AND WEST

Thirteen was the ominous number of those who voted last night at the board of trade meeting for the Stars and the thirteen stripes against 289 who condemned the annexationist trade agreement now under process of ratification at Washington and Ottawa.

It was a tremendously impressive meeting. The strong en masse fact, utterly irrespective of politics, as the chairman, President R. S. Gourlay, stipulated should be the case, were almost a unit in condemnation of the precipitate treason to the interests of Canada; materially, commercially, nationally, imperially, which the proposed agreement appeared to them to embody.

The Joke of the Evening. Mr. Eckhardt furnished the comedy of the meeting. He commended the agreement as being likely to extend the boundaries of trade and enlarge markets.

No more enthusiasm was manifested than when Mr. Cocksbut declared that the day had gone by when two elderly gentlemen would walk down respectable, could walk down to Washington with their carpet bags and bring back their bargain to Canada.

President R. S. Gourlay, Vice-President G. T. Somers, and Secretary F. G. Morley mounted the platform at 8.20 p.m. and were cordially applauded.

Mr. Gourlay announced that the earnest intention was to conduct the meeting in the most impartial manner, so that fair expression of opinion on reciprocity could be secured.

THE RESOLUTIONS

1. That the present unexampled prosperity of Canada is the result of the policy which has been pursued in the development of her trade and of her natural resources, and that any policy which would hamper the development of Canada's resources, her own way and by her own people, or which would check the development of trade between the various parts of Canada with each other or between Canada and the various parts of the empire, would be detrimental to the true interests of Canada and to Canadian nationality.
2. That very large expenditures have been made upon railways, canals, steamships and other means of transportation between east and west and east to promote such development and trade, and that the proposed reciprocity agreement with the United States of America would seriously check the growth of such development and trade, and would curtail Canada's freedom of action with respect to her tariff and channels of trade.
3. That any present benefit to any section of Canada or to any interest therein which might accrue from said agreement would be more than offset by the loss and injury to other sections and interests.
4. That the proposed agreement would weaken the ties which bind Canada to the empire.
5. That to avoid the disruption of trade, which after some years under said agreement would result were said agreement terminated and a protective tariff against Canada established by the United States, Canada would be forced to closer trade relations with them, which would still further weaken those ties and make it more difficult to avert political union with the United States.

Be it resolved, That in the opinion of this board the proposed reciprocity agreement with the United States of America is opposed to the true interests of Canada, threatens Canadian nationality and should not be consummated.

LIBERALS CONDEMN

TARIFF ARRANGEMENT

W. K. George Says Its Effect Will be Disintegrating to the National Spirit—First Step Along the Road to Annexation.

W. K. George, in an interview with The World after the meeting, said it had been his intention to speak, but the time had been so fully occupied and the speeches had so fully covered the ground, he did not think it necessary. Mr. George's prominence in the Liberal party enhances the importance of his views.

"I had intended to express my entire concurrence with the resolution as moved by Sir Edmund Walker," he said, "and my unmitigated opposition to the proposed agreement."

"We have been growing in the belief that on this northern half of the continent we were developing a great, strong, self-reliant, clean nation—men of the north, unconquered and unconquerable, destined to become one of the foremost nations of the earth, with the prospect of becoming the dominant partner in the grandest empire the world has known."

"To dislocate these trade routes and divert them to the south will deprive us of our strongest incentive to unity," Mr. George makes no secret of his feeling that a serious national crisis exists, and he thinks it is a time for men to speak out what they think of public affairs as a public duty.

Hugh Blain Calls it a Leap in the Dark—Would Divert Control of Trade to American Cities—Time Inopportune for Change.

A significant evidence that opposition to reciprocity is not merely partyism as sometimes alleged, but represents business sentiment, was afforded at the board of trade meeting last night in a letter from Hugh Blain, a substantial business man, and, moreover, a director of The Globe.

"I hope the board of trade will place itself squarely on record against arranging our Canadian tariff thru an agreement made at secret meetings with representatives of foreign countries, especially where the proposed change has not been fully considered or fully discussed by those most largely interested."

"The present time appears to be most inopportune, when conditions had adjusted themselves to the present conditions, our own Canadian tariff had been distributed with reasonable fairness among all our people, for a leap like this in the dark."

"It is impossible to speak definitely of the future. It is, however, reasonable to believe that under present conditions, our own Canadian cities would continue to prosper."

"Our troubles now are few and far between and, in my opinion, we should rather bear the ills we have than fly to others that we know not of."

CHAMP'S IDEA OF IT



"There Ain't Goin' T' Be No Core."

INTERESTS HAVE BEEN HURT BY AGREEMENT

Canada, Says Houghton Lennox, M.P., Has Now an "Order-in-Council Government"—Why Was Not Parliament Consulted First?—No Benefit to Farmers.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Continuing the debate on the reciprocity agreement in the house of commons to-day, Houghton Lennox (South St. Paul's), said that it could not be stated with truth that no interests had been sacrificed, in view of the representations made to the government by the fruit growers. He criticised the government for having made the agreement without consulting parliament and without having a mandate from the people, and said that Canada now has an order-in-council government.

Referring to the argument advanced by Hugh Guthrie yesterday, that it was not wise to ignore geographical conditions, he would remind Mr. Guthrie and the government that the United States had insisted for forty years on ignoring geographical conditions.

BARREN ADVANTAGE

Mr. Lennox did not believe that there was any reason to believe in view of the fact that the price of wheat was fixed in Liverpool, that there would be any substantial increase for the Canadian farmers. The wheat would, however, find its way to the market via American routes. Mr. Guthrie had dilated on the immense benefits which would result to Eastern Canada should one million more farmers settle in the west. It would not do Canada much good if their products were shipped to and thru the U. S.

A considerable list of articles which Britain could supply had been placed on the free list, and owing to the

DID NOT KNOW NESBITT AT TIME SAYS WARREN

Manager of Trusts and Guarantees Co. Makes Statement About Farmers' Bank.

J. J. Warren, general manager of the Trusts & Guarantees Co., speaking to The World last night made the following statement regarding his alleged connection with the Farmers' Bank.

"I said: I have lived in this community for almost 25 years, during which period, while no doubt I have made mistakes, yet never knowingly did I injure anybody. Without any enquiry or request for information from me, I find myself charged with two offences. First, that I conspired with Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, the provisional director of directors and the Hon. J. R. Stratton to do an illegal act. The other that I accepted a pledge of the notes (circulation) of the Farmers' Bank, and therefore made a loan of them as security."

The offences charged are of a technical character. The first one in particular is undoubtedly the invention of a legal mind, whose I do not know yet. The amount of each deposit was a misrepresentation of the Bank Act.

"At the time of the alleged commission of the first offence I did not know that there would be no need of any member of the provisional board. I did not meet Dr. Nesbitt until he ran for mayor some years later. I have never yet met the provisional directors, except Dr. Ferguson, whom I met in another matter some time ago."

LOCAL ASSEMBLY SPENDS BUSY AFTERNOON

Church exemptions, increased indemnities, and school holidays afforded members of the Ontario Legislature material yesterday afternoon upon which to dilate, while considerable progress was made with a number of constitutional measures. The letter included the second reading of Hon. W. J. Hanna's bill to place the control of costly local improvements under the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, which is strongly opposed by the Toronto city-law department.

Hon. W. J. Hanna's amendment in regard to the bread bill was another feature of a laborious and progressive afternoon. The provincial secretary said that there would be no need of bread legislation this year, because the court of appeal had upheld the government's measure of last year. Big loaves would prevail.

McNaught Protests. W. K. McNaught, North Toronto, made a spirited protest against the requirement of two years' residence in Canada of aliens, before being entitled to qualify as stationary engineers. He considered six months ample, but was willing to compromise at one year.

The suggestion of the member for North Toronto was accepted. A. Studholme argued for a requirement in the bill that two certificated engineers should be required in case of mills and factories which worked day and nightway and Municipal Board.

Sir James Whitney took the view that the statute, if enforced, would suffice, as the employment of a fireman who acted as engineer even in the latter's temporary absence, was prohibited under a penalty.

TO ABOLISH EXEMPTIONS

C. R. McKeown, Dufferin, moved the second reading of his bill to abolish exemptions on church lands, and the sites of religious and philanthropic schools. It was unjust that Haverhill Hall, the Loretto Abbey and Bishop Strachan School should be free from

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CITY ENGINEERS FREE INTAKE PIPE

An End to Water Famine After a Night of Strenuous Effort—The Supply By No Means Certain, Unless the Weather Conditions Change.

The water famine is at an end. At least the crisis thru which many citizens spent anxious hours yesterday terminated at 3.40 yesterday afternoon. This is no guarantee that there will not be a recurrence of the trouble should a strong east wind set in for a few days again. It does mean, however, that since that hour districts which were entirely cut off with the exception of what was brought out by the sleighs of the property commissioner's relief brigade, were getting an almost normal pressure in the mains. Furthermore, the reservoir started to fill at 4 o'clock and within 20 minutes the pressure gauge at the city hall registered 60 lbs. for the first time since the trouble commenced.

In Full Blast Again. At 4 o'clock the information was given out from the city engineer's department that the full complement of engines were running to capacity at the main pumping station at the foot of John-st. The well was full. The supply showed no signs of diminishing. So favorable were the conditions that when the water commenced to show in the reservoir, the two engines at the high level pumping station were set in operation. This meant that the entire pumping system was once more working. The supply was equal to all demands and unless something unforeseen happens, there will not be any chance of a similar occurrence. The department will exercise every precaution to provide against such a contingency.

The indigo atmosphere around the waterworks department on Wednesday, changed to a deep sabbath yesterday morning dawned with no change in the situation. The fact that the sand pumps which pumped up tons of sandy slush during the night had not entirely removed the obstruction to the intake, was a source of keen disappointment to the head of the engineering department. His deputy, Engineer Fellows, stayed on the job from 7 o'clock on Wednesday morning until the same hour yesterday morning. Then utterly done out, he went home to rest.

Unpromising Conditions. Engineer Sandson still labored on. At 9 o'clock Engineer Rust went over to make a final effort to remove the obstruction. He sent a tug around to the mouth of the intake to get rid of conditions there. The tug brought back the information that there was a depth of 12 feet of ice constantly churned and ground by the force of the wind and waves, extending far out beyond the mouth of the pipe. Mean-while, Mr. Rust made a thorough inspection of the work being done by the suction pumps on the island. He found everything being done that could be done. The pumps were pumping up streams of sandy slush. He looked out toward the mouth of the intake, but could see nothing but hummocks of ice within the range of his vision. He remained there for a couple of hours and then returned to the city hall, though satisfied that everything that could be done was being done to renew the flow thru the intake.

When the drain on the scanty supply furnished by the two pumps ceased in the morning, the gauge at the waterworks department commenced to drop. Before noon it fell to 15 pounds pressure, indicating that if the drain on the portion of the city not entirely cut off was kept up, there would soon be

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MAY BE EXTRA SESSION

Senate Leaders Not Sanguine of Reaching a Vote. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Canadian reciprocity measure will be discussed at a special session to be held on Friday. It is not likely that the bill will be disposed of in the committee in one day, although all its members are agreed that action shall not be delayed unnecessarily. Senators Lodge and Sherman, who are members of the committee, to-day assured President Taft that the bill would not be smothered in the committee, regardless of how each opposition there might be to it.

From present indications the bill will be returned to the senate about Wednesday, and certainly not later than Thursday. Senate leaders are not sanguine of reaching a vote, and many of them are inclined to the view that an extra session cannot be avoided.

ARRESTED AS INCENDIARY

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—To-night a fire alarm was rung for a blaze in a tailor shop on Dalhousie-street. The blaze was extinguished with little damage, but there was found to be three stairs to the fire and a floor was saturated with oil. It was the second alarm, too, in a week at the same store. The police were suspicious of the first fire and were on the alert. They arrested to-night the brother-in-law of the proprietor, Adrian Hudon, aged 35, of Boteler-street, and he will appear in the police court to-morrow on a charge of incendiarism.

NEW HATS FOR MEN

The season for a new hat is now here. The new hat should be something that will help to make you stylishly costumed. There is nothing just so good in this line as one of the celebrated Derby Stiff Felt Hats by Henry Heath of London, England, or by Dunlap of New York. Heath is maker of royal warrant to His Majesty, and Dunlap is the man who supplies the "Four Hundred" of Gotham with the "Lids" they wear. Dineen is sole Canadian agent for these hats.

LISTEN, FIRE LADDIES!

Everyone will be interested in The Sunday World this week, and the firemen especially. The big feature is a full-page color drawing, descriptive of the splendid work of "The Bravest Army in the World." The page is in four colors, and it is easily the finest thing The Sunday World has ever given its readers. The drawing is also embellished with fine half-tone cuts of Chief Thompson and Deputy-Chief Noble of the Toronto Fire Department. Don't miss your favorite paper on Saturday night.

VETO BILL

House Will Appropriately Whole Time Till Easter to Measure. LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the house of commons to-day, after a nine hours debate, Premier Asquith's motion appropriating the whole time of the house until Easter to the veto bill, in order to get thru before the coronation, was carried, under closure, 196 to 118.

During the course of the debate the prime minister said he expected that the veto bill would be sent to the house of lords early in May, and that the lords would give their decision there before the coronation. This optimism of the part of Mr. Asquith is interpreted in some quarters as indicating the possibility of a compromise being arrived at, as it is contended that otherwise it would be vain to hope that the bill could be disposed of so quickly. Thus far, however, the Unionists give no sign of receding.

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