

of the finance committee, that the only chance for the passage of bills making important changes in the tariff will come after the Senate has passed the Canadian bill.

Mr. McCumber declares that he intends voting for the reciprocal tariff changes if the Canadian bill, removing protection from the products of American farms, shall be passed by the Senate.

Later

The Root amendment was defeated by an overwhelming vote on June 26. Prospects are looking brighter for the passage of the bill.

MANITOBA TEACHERS CABLE GREETINGS

Among the organizations which cable good wishes to the king and queen on the occasion of the coronation was the Old Country League of Manitoba teachers. The message and the reply were as follows:

"To Sir Arthur Bigge, Buckingham Palace, London.
"Manitoba teachers' Old Country League send loyal greetings to Their Majesties.

"NEY, Secretary, Winnipeg."

Royal Reply

"To Secretary, Teachers' League, Winnipeg.

"I am commanded by the king and queen to thank you and all who joined with you for the loyal sentiments in which your telegraph gives expression."

WESTERN BOY FOR SWEDEN

W. A. Forsyth, a tall, raw boned youth from "Farmington, Manitoba," won the Winnipeg Telegram road race Saturday in the record time of 2:05.27. He was the winner of the same event last year in 2:16.31. Forsyth only won out by a few yards, from J. Wirth, running under the colors of the Brandon Y.M.C.A. who broke the tape just three seconds behind him. The third man was only six seconds behind. He was John Kirkness, an Indian, from Brandon.

The winner is an ungainly runner, with none of the smooth action of Shraab or Dorando, but he is possessed of remarkable stamina. At no stage of the game did he stop running. It was apparent that he had had many hours of practice running in the sun for his back and arms and legs were as red as his shaven hair. It was a fine cool evening for the race, and the roads were in fairly good condition. The best previous record of 2:15.12 was made by Harold Parsons in 1908.

Forsyth will be sent to Sweden in 1912 to compete at the Olympic games.

Borden's Tour

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been content with a concise and business-like statement of policy, devoting their powers of argument chiefly to the reciprocity issue. Mr. Borden and his party have come West presumably to convince the people of the Prairie Provinces that reciprocity instead of being a benefit to them would be their ruin, but up to the present they do not appear to have met with much success. Mr. Borden, in fact, has absolutely failed to move his audience to enthusiasm. He has been cheered heartily both on rising to speak and on closing his addresses, the funny stories of Andy Broder, the Dundas farmer, and J. G. H. Bergeron, the French Canadian humorist, have convulsed the audiences with laughter, but there has been no spontaneous and thrilling enthusiasm.

Confusing Arguments

And it is not to be wondered at that the Western farmers, with one eye on their broad fields of growing grain and the other on the higher price of wheat and barley on the United States side of the line, have failed to become enthusiastic over Mr. Borden's opposition to the opening of the United States market. As a matter of fact, every argument that is advanced by one member of the party against

reciprocity is answered either by himself or another member of the party before the meeting closes. Mr. Broder says that when the United States removes the duty from wheat and barley the price at Minneapolis will go down to the level of Winnipeg, that Canadian wheat will lose its identity when shipped through the United States and will not command the premium which it now receives for all other wheats on the Liverpool market, and Mr. Borden declares how all our Canadian wheat will be shipped to Minneapolis to build up the Minneapolis milling industry, and Canadian millers will not be able to obtain wheat to grind. Then Mr. Broder says that when the reciprocity treaty of 1854-1866 was in force the best Canadian butter was shipped by United States buyers to England as "American butter" and the poorer qualities of both countries was sent over as "Canadian" and he fears the same thing will happen with Canadian cheese which is much superior to American cheese. He adds, however, that when the old treaty was abrogated they commenced to ship Canadian butter direct to England and it became known in London under several classifications, Eastern Townships butter fetching the highest price, Brockville a little less and butter from other localities still lower prices, each district having its peculiar quality and method of packing. At present, Mr. Broder says, 99 per cent. of the exports of Canadian cheese go to England, where its high quality and distinctive flavor are well known and much sought after, and he gives no indication as to what reason there can possibly be why, if the English dealers forty years ago could distinguish between Eastern Townships butter and that from Brockville they cannot now distinguish between Canadian cheese made as he says, from 11 pounds of milk, and American cheese made from 19 pounds. He also fails to explain why, under reciprocity, Canadian cheese cannot still go to England direct from Canada, unless indeed it may be because the people of New York and Boston, who like good things to eat, will pay more for it than the English people, who are not, as a rule, so well able to afford luxuries. Mr. G. H. Perley, who speaks occasionally, says reciprocity will be a bad thing, but if once we get it we shall want more and finally shall have commercial union, or free trade, between Canada and the United States. Mr. Borden at Indian Head went further and said reciprocity would lead to political absorption, and Mr. Broder declared that he had too much faith in the loyalty and patriotism of the Canadian people to believe that annexation by the United States is possible.

Horses and Mutton

Another argument that altogether fails to appeal to the farmers, especially in the newer districts, is that horses and sheep, being cheaper in the United States, will be cheaper in Canada if reciprocity becomes a fact. In the greater part of the West there are the people who want to buy horses in order to break up their homesteads for every one who has horses to sell, as is shown by the large shipments of horses from the East and South every spring. So far as cheap mutton is concerned, the Western farmer knows that he cannot raise sheep to any extent and will not at all object if he could get a little mutton occasionally at a reasonable price.

The use of these so-called arguments, however, is probably due to lack of knowledge on the part of the Eastern visitors of conditions in the West, and they can therefore be excused. What is inexcusable, however, and in fact most discreditable to Mr. Borden and his friends, is their deliberate misrepresentation of the statement made by Hon. Frank Oliver at Brandon recently with regard to trusts and mergers. Mr. Oliver, they declare, upholds reciprocity as the remedy for high prices and the formation of watered-down prices, and they proceed most effectively to ask how Canada can get cheaper manufactured goods and relief from mergers by interlocking her fiscal system with that of the country which has the highest tariff in the world and is the home of trusts and combines. In this latter reference they, of course, unconsciously draw attention to the fact that high tariffs and oppression by trusts are father and son, but the point to be observed is that Mr. Oliver never made the statement attributed to him by Mr. Borden. Mr. Meighen and others, his reference to mergers being made as an instance of the source from which opposition to reciprocity has come.



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