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Reciprocity.

Reciprocal trade between Canada and the United States has not been a live question in this country for some time. But among our neighbors it has received considerable attention. This seems to be the case more especially in the New England States. The Republicans of Massachusetts seem to have been considerably disturbed over it; and as the Republicans constitute the high protection party, their departure from orthodoxy is liable to create trouble. Resolutions were passed advocating reciprocity, and then their local leader, Senator Lodge, had to declare himself in an uncommitted manner as possible—a course which pleased neither side. Now, it is stated in the press that President Roosevelt is very much concerned in the matter. The platform of the party, adopted at the national convention, makes no provision for reciprocity with Canada—is, in fact, quite silent on the subject. And the President, it is stated, is fearful that the result will be a weakening of the Republican vote in the New England States, is getting the party managers together to consider the dangerous question, and find some way of closing up the party ranks.

In Canada, as we have seen, no one gives any attention to the matter. And visitors from the States have reported at home that they found very little feeling over here in favor of it. It is quite true that there is no pronounced agitation here in favor of reciprocity. Nor, with our past experience, is it likely that there will be. Mr. Francis Wayland Glenn, of New York, who in days gone by was for a short time a member of the Canadian Parliament, but who seems to have got pretty well out of touch with this country since he left it, has been sending a letter through the country, urging Canadians to assert their right to make a reciprocity with the States. But as no one questions our right to do it, the reasonable conclusion is that if we do not do it we must be indifferent to it, if not decidedly opposed. If Mr. Glenn only remembered the condition of affairs in this country when he lived in it; and if he had kept track of affairs since he left it; he would hardly have written the very inconsequential letter with which the Canadian public has been favored.

The fact is, that Canadians were always, and to some extent now are, in favor of any fair trade with the States. But that has not been the case with the other party. The old reciprocity treaty, which terminated during the American civil war, was a benefit to both countries; but because it was a benefit to Canada, the short-sighted politicians on the other side came to the conclusion that it was bad for the United States, and refused to renew it. Their idea of a good treaty was, and generally is, a treaty that shall not only help them, but injure the other party.

Ever since Confederation, the Governments of Canada, Conservative as well as Liberal, have made repeated attempts to negotiate a treaty with our neighbors. These efforts have met with no favorable reception. The Republic has been willing to negotiate some jug-handled sort of an arrangement, which would enable manufacturers to send their goods into Canada, but has not been prepared to give our people any chance to enter United States markets. Even reciprocity in agricultural products would not be considered.

Is it any wonder then that Canada has got tired of this sort of thing? The desire for a treaty on our part has been discouraged by our neighbors, and we have turned our attention elsewhere. We have found that reciprocity with the States is not at all a necessity for us. Without it, we have entered upon an era of prosperity. Our trade has doubled within the past ten years. Our commercial relations with the mother country have been developing, and our trade with Great Britain is growing, despite the element of distance, which naturally interferes with its progress to some extent. The larger share of our exports now go across the Atlantic, and if our imports in the same direction have not increased in the same proportion, time and custom will cause an improvement.

It is the fault of our neighbors that we no longer care for reciprocity with them. Their antagonism has been a blessing in disguise; for it has not only trade, but it has developed closer relations with the mother-land, has strengthened the ties that bind us to Britain, and has made imperialism a fixed fact.

We do not suppose, however, that the agitation for reciprocity in the United States will amount to anything. Politicians will utilize the cry for their own purposes at election time, but that is all it will amount to. Even among those who talk loudest for it, there is no definite plan announced which could be considered by us. They do not say what kind of reciprocity they want. New England is a manufacturing section. The people there would willingly have an arrangement by which their goods could be sent into Canada, but are they willing to allow our manufacturers to compete with them in their own markets? Will the Western farmer be ready to meet the competition of Canadian farm products?

It is not at all likely that commercial union would be acceptable to our neighbors. And it would certainly not be acceptable to us if it is going to

diminish our trade with the other sections of the empire. The tendency with us is rather to extend our commerce throughout the empire, and concern ourselves less with foreign markets.

Of course, that does not mean that we will not consider any propositions presented by our neighbors. But the first movement must come from them. And it will be perfectly useless for them to offer a treaty which is going to benefit them only. Unless it is going to be a decided advantage to Canada we have no use for it. So, if reciprocity is anything but a political scheme for home use, our friends must make a definite offer, and give us satisfactory evidence that the offer made will pass Congress. Then, if it appears that such an arrangement will be of any benefit to Canada, we will give it our most serious consideration. But an offer of that kind we do not expect to receive. And for that reason all the newspaper talk on the other side, and all the conferences of politicians on the subject, will concern us but little. We will go on developing our trade in our own way, and, we trust, continuing to prosper, as we have done for the past ten years under the Liberal Government.

A Bygone Poet.

[Copy of the will of Sir Willoughby Dixie, of Bosworth Park, England, who died in 1862.]
I, Willoughby Dixie, of Bosworth Park, Orpett, in the county of Leicestershire, Ready to make of my law,
With haggard phiz and tottering limb,
With moon-struck mind, and wit to whim,
With every symptom of decay,
And wearing certainly far away,
A stupor sealing both my eyes,
My worldly goods I thus devise:
To Sister Elmore of Brown,
Lest she the fate too long should mourn
Of her lamented brother dead,
I leave twelve thousand pounds a year,
And on her I only bid
To be my sole executrix.

To Rosamond, whose joyless bower
No one knew of bliss one single hour,
Twelve pence I give, far more than due
To such a curst, vexatious shrew.
To elder Drakely, faithful found,
Through all his life a zealous friend,
I leave a constant to provide
Whate'er he would for his just or pride,
A worthy sacrifice I deem,
Of bullocks, stables, guineas, and pen,
Of cash and notes, and little round,
The sum of seventeen thousand pound.

To younger Dorothy, firm and true,
Who did all other cows and sheeps
Thro' fire and water still would go,
To please me, or to spite my foe,
Or sheep I leave one hundred head
As good as ever Bakewell bred.
My pointers, spaniels, guineas, and pen,
By Eggs, by Mantion and by Neek.
To Dick, the groom, who swore my stud
In beauty, shape and blood,
And that he would be of high degree,
I leave a horse or horse like me,
To graze the mead or fill the stall;
And spurs of every sort, likewise,
And spurs of every sort and size.

To Sam, the bailiff, who knew how
To handle either ox or cow,
Whose bargains never hit it wing,
Well skilled to take the jolthead in,
To him I freely do resign
The residue of stock in kind—
Calves, lambs, with plenty of store beast,
Worth full five hundred pounds at least.

Unto the butler I resign
My stock of every sort of wine;
Well filled with brandy, gin and rum;
Pipes, flasks, glasses, everything
That makes the ordinary table ring.
To James, the brewer, all the ale,
And butts of porter, mild and stout;
Plenty of malt and hops in store,
That when all's done he may brew more.

Unto the gardener, rake and spade,
And every tool that suits his trade,
Fruit yet unsorted, potatoes, greens,
And all the cabbage, I do bequeath;
Seeds of all sorts, with hives of bees,
Celery, plants and nursery trees.

To her who keeps the house in awe,
And rules supreme by kitchen law,
I give the sugar and the tea,
The plum, the apple, and the pie,
Preserves and pickles, peppermint,
And all other waters without stint.

Unto the housemaid's noisy crew,
Who clean the tables, not the stew,
Brushes and brooms, dusters and wings,
And every thing that makes things dingy,
The mats and carpets, every screen,
And all they have been used to clean.

To Dorothy, the dairymaid,
Who milks the lambs full many a cade,
I here permit her to seize
The milk, the butter and the cheese,
Bovils, buckets, milkpails, lead and all,
That to the lot of dairies fall.

To her who keeps the linen clean,
The laundrymaid's girl I mean,
The shirts, the sheets, the napkins white,
With tablecloths shall be her right.
Unto the cook whatever befits
Her occupation, her pens and spits,
The poker, tongs, the fork that toasts,
And all the things that make the roast;
Hams, tongues and bacon be her lot,
And everything that goes to pot.

Unto the scullion, all the cook
By chance or choice may overlook;
Grease, matches, coals, candles, goods,
Cups and billets of dry wood.
And that no varlet may repine,
To labour for me I leave the wine;
Shorters collected with great pains,
And all the store of will and grains.

No Use for It.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
The Car—Viskyitch.
The Car—Your Highness.
The Car—Go and take down that sign in the front parlor window.
"Oh, then he gathered her into the fold," was the demure answer.

An Impressionist Idea.

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]
The latest St. Petersburg estimate of the Japanese army in Manchuria is 32,000 men, with 1,240 guns. Whether this is an actual count or an impressionist idea at the end of a fight is not stated.

The Color Line.

[Punch.]
Youth—Half a pound of tea, please, Shopman—What color will you have it, Black or green?
Youth—I don't know, but it's for a funeral.

Sheepish.

[Exchange.]
Miss Cynthia Roche was telling one of her friends of a bad quarter of an hour she spent in the company of a newly-engaged couple last week.
"Why, he actually called her his dear little lamb," she said with a disgusted moan.
"And what then?" asked the interested listener.
"Oh, then he gathered her into the fold," was the demure answer.

Probably Not.

[New York Times.]
One of Senator Tillman's favorite stories concerns an old dandy who was taken ill. He called in a physician of his own race, but after a time, as there were no signs of improvement, a while doctor was summoned. Soon after arriving Dr. — felt the old man's pulse and then examined his tongue.
"Did your other doctor take your temperature?" was the first question he asked.
"I don't know, boss," replied the dandy; "I ain't missed anything but my watch as yet."

The Little Jap.

[S. W. Gillman, in Baltimore American.]
The little Jap he pegs away
Night after night, day after day;
He's always going right ahead;
He doesn't stop to rest or sleep.
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The little Jap he doesn't wait
Or sit around and wait at fate;
He doesn't wait for a vim
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ARTILLERY RANGES

Government Accepts Ontario's Offer of Petawawa Ground.
Ottawa, Aug. 25.—The Dominion Government will accept the offer of the Ontario Legislative Assembly, of a free training ground for artillery and infantry at Petawawa, one of the most desirable grounds on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway for that purpose.

It was learned this morning that an inspection had been made of the Petawawa site, the one first proposed in the spring, and that for many reasons the place was considered unsuitable. The settlers on the land objected to the place being turned into a military training place, and, besides, the Quebec Government had already secured the grounds for less than \$50,000 or \$60,000.

LUCKY CHAUFFEUR

Is Heir to \$2000,000 and Will Make a World's Tour in Auto.
Philadelphia, Aug. 25.—From driving an automobile for pay to the inheritance of an estate valued at \$2,000,000 is the startling change in the fortunes of Charles Ross, who was employed as a chauffeur by former District Attorney P. F. Roehmer.

He had not more money than I know what to do with, he said to his employer yesterday, "so I'll have to resign my job as chauffeur. I've got enough to buy an automobile with silver wheels and gold trimmings."

"How did it happen?" asked the ex-chauffeur.
"When I was a boy in Cleveland I decided to be dependent upon no one, so I started out on my own. I drifted into an automobile business and finally into my present employment. I'm sorry to leave it, but I'm glad I'm rich."

Later Ross said:
"I intend to take a trip around the world in an automobile. I get things settled up, and I may possibly start to manufacture machines. I can hardly realize my good fortune. I have been a chauffeur, and I have been a chauffeur."

Teacher Hugs, Board "Up"
Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 25.—Because Professor I. G. Miller, principal of the Frackville high school, cannot restrain himself from hugging the larger girls of his school, he has been asked to resign.

Miller has been given much to this method of handling his feminine pupils, which caused their parents to call upon the school board to oust the ardent pedagog, but the latter declined to do so, though he left the school. The board, presented a resolution to that effect, it being voted down. Samuel Furness, father of one of Miller's pupils, threw down the gauntlet and had the entire board arraigned before Justice H. B. McCauley here on a charge of misdemeanor in office.

The members of the board were put under \$500 bail each for court.

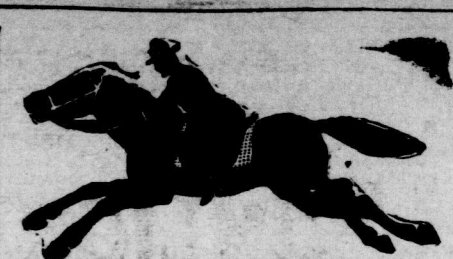
EAGLE SWOOPED ON DOG

Two Men Badly Torn in Attempting to Subdue It.
Plainfield, N. J., Aug. 25.—After hovering about the Wilson store quarry, just outside this city for nearly an hour yesterday, a large grey eagle suddenly flew down and attempted to carry off a dog weighing about 15 pounds. The animal had been sleeping in the sun, and as the bird's talons were fastened in its back it set up a furious squawking, which brought its owner Louis Snowden.

Seeing a pick handle he gave battle to the eagle, but soon had to call for assistance. The bird gave up only after one hour's battle, Snowden and another quarryman named William Schorn were badly torn by its talons. The eagle measured seven feet from tip of tip of the wing.

\$10 To Atlantic City and Return \$10.
The ticket for this excursion is \$10 from Suspension Bridge to Atlantic City and return, via Lehigh Valley Railroad, Friday, Sept. 2. Tickets good 15 days. Stopover allowed at Philadelphia. Tickets good on trains, Pullman, and all regular trains. Call or address Robert S. Lewis, passenger agent, L. V. R., 10 King Street east, Toronto.

The Russian war department has been experimenting with a bullet-proof breastplate, the invention of an Italian named Giordana. In testing its power of resistance a steel bayonet and a circular dagger were broken against it, and a sword of Damascus steel simply made a dent in the cloth. Bullets were then fired into it—such as had pierced eight one-inch planks and a two-inch steel plate—with the result that they were flattened against the cloth.



Going for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Don't put yourself in this man's place, but keep a bottle of this remedy in your home. There is nothing so good for Colic, Cholera Morbus, Dysentery and Diarrhoea. It is equally valuable for Summer Complaint and Cholera Infantum and has saved the lives of more children than any other medicine in use. When reduced with water and sweetened it is pleasant to take.
You, or some one of your family, are sure to need this remedy sooner or later, and when that time comes you will need it badly; you will need it quickly. Why not buy it now and be prepared for such an emergency? Price, 85 cents.

CONTRACT FOR TEN THOUSAND TONS

Order for I. C. R. Rails Under the Old Conditions.

TO COMPETE WITH B. C. LINE

Ontario Miners Claim Bounty and Erect Smelter U. S. Soldiers to Visit Us—Collector Dismissed.

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—The Government's contract with the Soo Company for steel rails, to be made in this country, is for 10,000 tons, and the same conditions are attached to the arrangement as in the case of the contract with the Canadian Pacific Company in 1902.

Complete returns of Canada's foreign trade for the fiscal year to June 30, 1904, on the basis of total imports and total exports, show a total of \$17,720,000, as compared with \$16,064,000 the year before, and \$20,550,000 in the fiscal year 1903.

The services of Francis O'Connor, assistant auditor of customs at Halifax, have been dispensed with. His successor, Mr. C. G. Gould, collector of customs at Smith's Falls, has been appointed to Ottawa for special service in connection with the investigation of United States vessels.

An order-in-council has passed, providing that "drawback of Canadian customs material shall not be paid in respect of the material used or wrought into or attached to the hulls of steamships, or to the hulls of motor vessels, or to the hulls of sailing vessels, or to the hulls of fishing vessels, or to the hulls of other vessels, when made in Canada."

Tenders are being called for the construction of a railway to develop some of the lead deposits of Eastern Canada. The contract is for the construction of a railway from the town of Cobalt, Ontario, to the town of Cobalt, Ontario, and to the town of Cobalt, Ontario.

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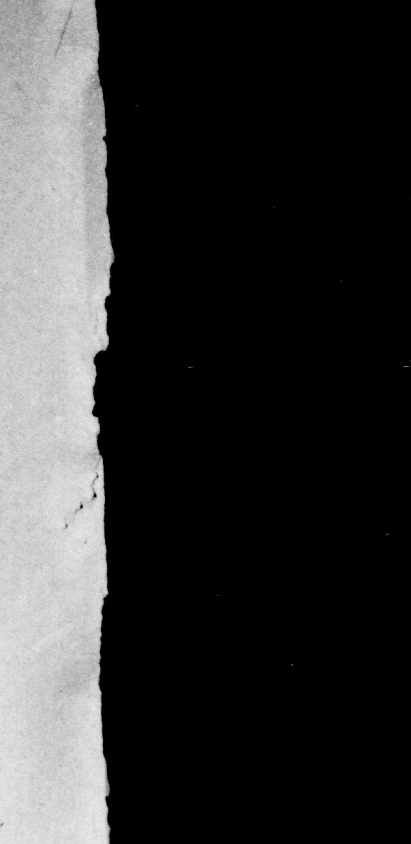
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WESTERN FAIR..... SEPT. 9-17
Brandon, Manitoba..... Aug. 3-Sept. 12
Toronto Industrial..... Aug. 2-Sept. 10
East Elgin, Aylmer..... Sept. 5-9
Winkler..... Sept. 10-14
Hamilton..... Sept. 15-17
North York, Ontario..... Sept. 15-17
East Simcoe, Orillia..... Sept. 15-17
London Fair, Stratford..... Sept. 15-17
West Kent, Chatham..... Sept. 15-17
Tavistock..... Sept. 15-17
Palmerston..... Sept. 15-17
Hay Agricultural Soc., Zurich..... Sept. 15-17
Chesley..... Sept. 15-17
Amherstburg..... Sept. 15-17
N. R. of Ontario..... Sept. 15-17
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