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hindered people of the statutory resolutions regarding reciprocity of natural products. He pointed out that the effect of the proposition, if put into force would destroy the trade of the St. Lawrence. No man loyal to his country would attempt to remove the mills and grievances that he pointed out. He pointed out that during the last five years the average values of assessed real property in rural municipalities increased from ten to eighteen dollars, whereas from 1878 to 1885 there was only an increase of a dollar. The last mentioned sum, he contended, was not only prevailed among Ontario farmers, but that in the Maritime Provinces, where, under the present circumstances, entirely without hope. He pointed out that whereas in 1878 the exports reached \$89,89,789,000, instead of an increase at the present time exports were now stationary. The consequence of the repeal of the reciprocity treaty was that Canadian trade fell from \$75 million to \$7 million. He reminded Sir John Macdonald that in spite of his present utterance he had declared that the repeal of the reciprocity treaty was a national calamity. The national policy was a failure. It had not led to reciprocity, but had been war to the knife with the United States. He dwelt on the fact that Sir John Macdonald and Sir John A. Macdonald, in a recent agreement to a joint tariff with the United States, reciprocity would not lead to some disarming, but to some great Britain, but the question was, would it be in their interests? At present, returns showed a discrimination of nearly 4 per cent. against Britain. There might be a loss of revenue if the resolution were carried into effect, but they might remedy this to a certain extent by applying the pruning knife to the public expenditure. Manufacturers of the Dominion have declared for reciprocity, which would make prosperity flow over the Dominion like a sunbeam. He concluded by observing that the flag of the Reform party, although it might drop for a short time, would be carried forward in the strong hands of the central provinces to a glorious if not speedy victory.

Mr. Foster followed and contended that the proposition, if carried, would lead to an almost complete diversion of trade and an almost total severance of commercial relations between this country and Great Britain and outside countries. It would also result in direct taxation and would destroy the manufactures of the country. The proposition, considering it had not the mandate of the people, should be given the closest possible reasoning.

Mr. Foster had not finished at recess.

OTTAWA, March 17.—Mr. Bryson introduced a bill to incorporate the Pontiac & Keewaukeo Railway Company.

Mr. Small introduced a bill respecting bonds on the branch lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway, also a bill concerning the Ontario & Quebec Railway Company.

Sir Richard Cartwright enquired if there was any truth in the report that the new Emperor of China had been crowned.

Sir John Macdonald said there was no information on the subject. It was a rumour which he thought arose from the fact that flags were at half-mast high out of respect to the obsequies of the late Emperor.

Mr. Charlton resumed the debate on Sir Richard Cartwright's resolution. He said the question of reciprocity occupied the public mind more than any other question, and either a party was at liberty to deal with the question as a party question on the previous night when the Minister of Marine introduced his amendment. It was a principle that was bound to triumph in this country. Considering this question it was our duty to consider our peculiar position. Computations of the progress of the country had been made would lead one to assume that in the near future there would be one hundred million of English speaking people on the North American continent, and it behooved them to consider what was best for their mutual interests. They were destined to be bound together, and the fate of one would influence the other. We would have to enter into the process of self-examination in order to see how we stood with the United States in these matters. The last two million of the population of the increase of debt had been five times that of the increase of population since 1867, whilst the increase of expenditure and taxation had been about four times that of the population. The fact was capable of demonstration that the emigration from this country had been of a alarming character. Figures showed, in his opinion, that there were now in the United States more people of English extraction than in Canada. He contended that there were hardly any goods that could be sold less than the price they were imported for and the duties paid on those goods. This, he asserted, was due to the National Policy.

Another result of National Policy was that the condition of the North-West. Emigration from these territories was due to the land regulations and excessive duties. Two-thirds of the population of the States had pronounced in favour of the resolutions before the House. He gave figures to show our national indebtedness was two and a half times that of the United States, in spite of the disparity of population. Canada was destined by nature to be the home of millions of men, yet the policy of the Government was driving them away. Was it not the duty of the Government to take a short cut to the nearest market, rather than spend years in futile endeavors to create a market of our own. The statutory offer was one the States never would accept, and it was our duty to see how we could meet them. Eighty per cent. of the industrial classes would be benefited if unrestricted reciprocity were carried out. An annexation sentiment was spreading, and it was wrong to let management, extravagance and corruption of the party in power. If retrenchment were not carried out the country would go to ruin, and he advised as one of the reforms that a sum of all political villainies, the Franchise Act, should be abolished. If this were done their hopes would be greater, not only in this world but in the next world.

Sir Richard Cartwright.—They don't concern themselves about that.

Mr. Charlton was still speaking when six o'clock was called.

After recess Mr. Charlton resumed, and said it was often urged that Imperial Federation was better than unrestricted reciprocity, but that is improbable and impossible. In order to clear our course we must take the shortest, greatest courage and a great effort was needed.

Mr. Davin followed.

Mr. Laverne denied that the people in the Provinces of Quebec had aloof from the reciprocity question, and asserted his belief that a policy of this sort would bring prosperity. Nearly a third of the French-Canadian population of the provinces were in the States, and he contended that the States had the same policy of politics in this country was interested.

On motion of Mr. McNeill, the debate adjourned.

Must not be confounded with common Cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One will prove their superiority.

APPOINTMENTS.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments of Commissioners for the summary trial of small cases:—Township of Magog, County of Stanstead.—Messrs. Henri St. Louis, Samuel Hoyt, Henry Currier, Jean B. Drew and George W. Anger. Commission of the 14th January, 1870, revoked. Parish of Saint Bruno, County of Chambly.—Messrs. Théophile Mongeau, Joseph Clérier, Jérôme Huette, Benjamin Chaudier and Toussaint Baehand. Commission of the 29th October, 1867, revoked. It has likewise pleased His Honor to appoint Messrs. John Wright, Wilfred Lortie and Joseph Chaffotte, valuers, to draw up the valuations roll in the municipality of Saint Roch, of Quebec North.