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Mr. Stewart's Position

The trade question two things are clear

First, that there is no Americanization

Second, that he thinks it would be for Canada's good

to have "Unrestricted Reciprocity," as it was put in the resolution passed at the Quebec Interparliamentary conference of October, 1937

at which he presided—or "the closest trade relations with the United States," as he called it in his speech of Friday last

He has not, however, told us where he would stand were it a thing made plain and published to all the world, that Canada could not possibly have Unrestricted Reciprocity with the United States, unless she bound herself to discriminate against Great Britain

But this is after all the central point in the controversy now pending. On this Mr. Stewart has not declared himself, so we do not know; but we shall just guess the best we can. "It is our guess, then, that Mr. Stewart would never hold himself bound to a party that was itself bound to Unrestricted Reciprocity, if that involved discrimination against the Mother Country. He would either step down and out of the party altogether, or he would carry the party with him and so knock American Reciprocity with discrimination against Great Britain into smithereens.

On this important issue there will probably be a big fight in the Dominion Opposition caucus. The world is full of people who are not only not convinced, but who are not even convinced that Canada's great economic revolution of 1937 has not been a success. Reformers to follow Mr. Mackenzie and The Globe in their free-trade adherence to a loathing cause, that of Free Trade? And if Sir Eric Cartwright still persists in holding to the view that Canada must have Unrestricted Reciprocity, even if discrimination against Great Britain has to go along with it—then, we believe, another Reform split, even bigger than that of 1937, must come. Now, it seems to us that Mr. Stewart could very appropriately be the leader of the dissenters from Sir Eric's British policy, probably soon to become the leader of the party, or any of its large sections. On his own showing he is quite loyal enough to that, we should say.

Trying to Hit Wild Water

The Globe is doing a good deal these days to confirm the view that recently there is but one plank in its party's platform; and that is—Unrestricted Reciprocity. All the time, however, it is doing its best to keep off sight the fact that, along with the American Reciprocity which it so much desires, much too discrimination against Great Britain. At the same time, too, it would almost "leave a general air" of a struggle, between the Empire, and to Canada.

Now trying to combine professions of loyalty with an endeavor to force upon Canada a scheme for American Reciprocity, which positively our neighbors will not accept unless on conditions that discrimination against the Mother Country be made a part of it—like trying to mix oil and water. The thing won't, in fact, "be done" at all. And yet this is what The Globe is now busily laboring away at every day of its existence.

The Globe has worked the same hypocritical pretence before; but since the Board of Trade dinner it has become loyally to an amazing degree. Apparently it feels upon itself the pressure of compulsion—a necessity for being extra super-loyal these times. And still it hangs on "like grim death" to the Unrestricted Reciprocity plank. Don't it keep up very loud the face of hanging on both; the day approaches when it will have to let go of either one or the other.

Yes, ere you would much older you will certainly have to give up your present position on The World's question. Suppose your scheme carried out, with American goods coming free into Canada, while British goods had to pay such duties as Congress might impose. In that case would you be a British citizen, or an independent country, either? Or would it not have been practically annexed to the United States? Reconcile your professions of loyalty with that, if you can. But the day draws near when you must show aside one or the other of the two faces you are wearing now; and must say straight out whether you will retain British connection, or whether you will sacrifice it for the sake of American Reciprocity.

The Judges at Upper Canada

The Lives of the Judges of Upper Canada and Ontario from 1793 to the present time

By David B. Reid, Q.C., Attorney at Law, of the York Law Association, Toronto: Rowell & Boulton, 238

This interesting book of nearly 500 pages, just issued by the publishers, most meet with a large number of readers, as well by reason of the distinguished careers of the men whose lives are narrated, as by the style in which the work has been performed by Mr. Reid and the mine of interesting and instructive information contained therein. No class of men has played so important a part in the history of Upper Canada as have its judges. All of them were prominent lawyers before they ascended the Bench; and most of them were in their day leading points of the country, and in writing their lives as Mr. Reid has done he has had to embrace a considerable portion of the history of the country. The book, therefore, is not only a biography, but also shows a great deal of light on the history of this province from its very beginning.

All the celebrated trials of the day are mentioned as they occurred in the lives of the judges.

Mr. Reid is well qualified for the task he has just completed. He is one of the few lawyers left of the old school and is possessed of personal reminiscences that go back to the days of the men whose careers he has sketched for us.

We have in this book the lives of 15 judges from Chief Justice Osgoode down to the late Mr. Justice O'Connor, the principal names being Chief Justice Beveridge, Campbell, Bolton, Sherwood, Williams, Robinson, Macneil, McLean, Egerton, Draper, Sullivan, Blake, Morrison, Harrison, Moss, Cameron, etc.

Especially interesting is a historical sketch of the first bench of the province and of the 1791 under which it was created and of the close are two chapters devoted to the Society and Osgoode Hall and to the Judiciary.

Judges whose lives are herein narrated

GAUDAUPE AFTER O'CONNOR

HE CHALLENGES HIM TO RACE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Race to Take Place at New Orleans, Gauleville or San Francisco

The Toronto and Montreal races

PORT THROU AND HIS LIFE

Death of Lawyer Ben O'Connell

At 65, Ben O'Connell, who was with a serious accident at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, died shortly after midnight Tuesday morning from the shock which ensued on the city of Montreal and took the 11 a.m. train for North Bay, and it was in getting of the car that he fell under the wheels of the last truck and sustained such injuries as a great blow to the head.

The deceased was a son of Mr. Frank O'Connell, who is still living and a resident of the city of Montreal.

He was about 35 years of age, but had already attained a considerable reputation as a lawyer. He was a member of the Ontario Bar and had been engaged in practicing law in Montreal for some years.

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