

Sir Richard Cartwright and Reciprocity.

Sir Richard Cartwright was for nearly half a century one of the outstanding figures in Canadian public life. He was a sturdy representative of the best Canadian type and as a parliamentarian he had scarcely a rival in the public life of this country. He was a master of chaste English, his speeches had foundation, proportion, dome, and he marshalled his facts as skillfully as a great general would marshal his forces on the field of battle.

Sir Richard was frequently heard from in parliament but owing to physical infirmities he has during late years not very often appeared on the stump. He was always a staunch advocate of closer commercial relations with the United States and the reciprocity campaign of a year ago again brought him out into the firing line and he delivered several notable public addresses in Ontario.

Discussing the reciprocity agreement in a speech in Toronto he said:

"One thing I may say to you, never in all my experience was a reciprocity agreement laid before the people of Canada so modest in its terms, never one which showed such careful regard for individual interests, never one which was likely to benefit so many or so swiftly, never one likely to disturb trade so lightly and most assuredly never one so fair to all parties concerned."

Referring to the attitude of the big interests in regard to the question Sir Richard thought there must be some hidden motive behind their frantic opposition to the trade agreement.

Dealing with the loyalty cry, which appeared to Sir Richard to have been started by certain hysterical old women of the male sex resident in Toronto, the veteran statesman said: "Allow me to assure these timorous souls that all we propose to do, all that if this agreement is carried into effect Canada will be doing, is to do on a small scale what the British people and the British government have been doing on a very much larger scale for sixty years or more. If this be treason, then assuredly Great Britain and the British people is the chosen home of treason."

"I have no doubt myself that if this reciprocity agreement passes, within the space of a couple of years or thereabouts we will have the Duke of Connaught writing to his royal nephew to inform him that the people of Canada have benefitted enormously by the reciprocity government, that they are one and all contented and prosperous, and that His Majesty has no more loyal subjects from one end of his Dominions to the other."

Getting after the representatives of the big interests who pretended to be opposing reciprocity on patriotic grounds, Sir Richard made this prediction: "Sir it appears to me that these men are blind fools if they knew their own interests they

would accept our proposal of reciprocity with gladness and thank me, sir, if by any chance they are successful in defeating it, if they should block the present movement, all the result will be that sooner or later and possibly sooner than later, the tide would rise higher and higher until it swept away all their prerogatives and themselves along with it. These men, as it appears to me are acting most foolishly and stupidly in needlessly making this matter a fight between the classes and the masses."

Laurier Back to Power.

That Sir Wilfrid Laurier is coming back to power is the general opinion. The Montreal Shareholder, which is a non political trade journal, says editorially:—"The speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, delivered at Mariville on Saturday, Sept. 7th, was one of the greatest efforts of the ex-premier's life, and stamps him as the foremost Canadian of the day. There is not the slightest doubt that Sir Wilfrid Laurier still has a tremendous hold, not only on the people of this province, but throughout the Dominion. The courageous way in which he took defeat last fall and the splendidly fair way in which he has been fighting since that time has won him large numbers of new friends. On the other hand, the internal dissensions and weaknesses of some of his cabinet ministers would indicate that the Borden government will not have a very long lease of life. We would not be surprised to see an early appeal made to the country and to find that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was returned to power."

Centreville.

People woke up Monday morning to find it snowing. While it did not amount to much here a few miles north there was a fall of 3 inches. This will lodge the grain which is not yet cut. Some few farmers are done harvesting but there is a great quantity of grain yet to be cut and some of it still green. Potatoes are only turning out a fair crop. Farmers are storing all possible as price is too low to sell at present.

Our big Fair comes off Oct. 2 and 3 and we expect a large crowd. The prizes are very generous.

Cyril Brown who was operated on for appendicitis in New York is improving nicely and he and his mother are expected home shortly.

Every available man and boy are working picking up potatoes in Aroostook; wages \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day with board. This cold snap will hustle the farmers as they will be afraid of the tubers freezing in the ground.

Miss Dancy Burt is home from a pleasant visit in St. John.

Mr. Small, a singer of some note, is visiting friends in the village. Sunday evening he sang two solos in the Baptist church.

Mrs. Jeffries is visiting Mrs. F. D. Tweedie.

The Methodist Sunday school had a rally day on Sunday and the children provided a pleasant entertainment.

West Side.

Mrs. A. S. Boyer of St. John spent a few days visiting her brother, B. N. Shaw.

The Missionary Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. H. Oliver last Wednesday.

Mrs. S. H. Shaw has returned home from Simonds, where she has been visiting friends.

Arthur J. Shaw has resumed his studies at Tuft's Dental College, Boston.

Frank Albright is away hunting the monarch of the forest.

Rev. Mr. McCord spent a few days of last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Boyer.

A large quantity of grain is still unharvested on account of wet weather.

Mrs. Robert Harper of Fredericton is spending a few days with her niece Mrs. Joseph York.

Miss Helen Harper spent the week end with her parents at Jacksonville.

On Thursday last our young people were invited to spend the evening at Mr. Odour Tracey's, Rosedale. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Miss May Eisher is visiting her uncle Rev. E. C. Jenkins.

Knowlesville.

In spite of the wet season we have gathered in a large crop of hay. Not much No. 1 but the most of it will be

fit for the market. The oat and wheat crop is heavy and is being gathered in good order. Potatoes are proving good. About every farmer has his team attached to the plow and many fields are being prepared for next year, proving to the passer-by that there is a purpose and a reason for everything on the earth.

We hear that those who left our rich county and are now in the north-west are not as well located, everything considered as when living here. We think if we could hear them singing after their hard days work is done and wishing for a good drink of New Brunswick water, it would be home sweet home.

Our Sunday school is doing its good work in pointing to the higher life and impressing upon them that Wisdom is the principle thing. We are well supplied with preaching by the Baptist and Methodist who have good congregations and we believe that they will reap what they are now sowing. Our prayer meetings are well attended by the young many of whom assist in the services in song and worship and they are being taught that the highest art of their life is to worship their Creator.

There is whisperings of having a grange store in our midst. The question asked by all is, why not save that large profit and give it to those that may need it?

Royalton.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard White and family accompanied by Burpee White started on the 23rd for Douglas, Arizona. All join in wishing them bon voyage.

Charlie Bartt is very busy with his digger, digging potatoes for his neighbors.

Wm. Ellingwood of Caribou who has been assisting in the meetings here returned to his home on the 23rd.

What might have been a serious accident happened on Sunday evening when Herbert Buchanan's team in some manner broke away from their hitching post and started for home. The harness was pretty well broken up but the carriage was not injured.

Miss Eva Pierce of Blaine, Me. who was visiting friends in Royalton and Knoxford returned home on Sunday.

The public schools are preparing exhibits for the Centreville Fair.

Zeph Mills is busy selling and setting up Hoover diggers. Zeph does intend to be out done by any of the agents.

Leland Clark of Centreville is doing some carpenter work for Wm. Weade.

Perry Crawford has gone to Carlisle and from there he intends going to the lumber woods for the winter.

Miss Mollie Burtt is spending a few days with friends in Knoxford.

Mrs. Albert Burtt is in poor health. She has been an invalid for several years. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

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