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A NEW WORLD FEDERATION

Is Its Consummation Feasible?

Public attention in Newfoundland has been directed of late to the trade treaty arranged between Canada and the West Indies and particularly to the clauses which place us at a disadvantage in the matter of marketing our fish in certain of the Islands.

It does not matter what view we take of the pact—whether we regard Canada's action as unneighborly, or whether we admit that there was no reason why the Dominion should consider our interests one way or another—we cannot overlook the fact that in our isolated position Newfoundland stands in danger of being ignored with even more serious consequences in the event of other treaties of a similar kind being effected. Speaking in Amherst, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday last, the Prime Minister of Canada referred to the difficulties which faced the Province in disposing of its products, owing to the long and expensive rail haul to the Upper Canadian markets, and to the high tariff wall which shut them out of the United States, and he intimated that he would seek to provide new and wider markets by means of trade agreements, preferential tariffs and treaties.

Do these proposed agreements threaten to place us at an even further disadvantage in the markets of the world, and what can be done to prevent such a calamity?

The main difficulty with which we are confronted in any attempt to negotiate a preferential trade treaty is that it is beyond our power to offer our customers reciprocal concessions. Already Jamaica threatens to cancel the 25 p.c. preference agreement with this country because the advantages are altogether too one-sided. Last year, for instance, we purchased from Jamaica goods valued at \$2,257, but the Jamaican imports from Newfoundland amounted to \$124,817.

What is the position in relation to our chief markets? The returns for the year ending June 30th, 1924, are given in the Board of Trade Report as follows:—

Countries:	Imports:	Exports:
Spain	\$ 87,818	\$2,158,024
Portugal	59,314	2,018,493
Italy	952	1,045,336
Brazil		985,332
Greece	66,897	345,648
British West Indies	659,793	782,964
Foreign West Indies	651	579,567

In practically every case the balance of the export trade is so heavily in our favour that there would seem to be little chance of these countries seriously considering any proposals in the nature of a preferential agreement, and under the present tariff system it is questionable if we could afford to forego any considerable portion of the revenue collected on goods imported from these countries.

It has been intimated that negotiations will be undertaken with the West Indies to safeguard our fish business, and in his interview at Halifax, the Prime Minister is reported to have stated that following the Washington Conference, he would proceed to Ottawa to discuss trade matters with Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance. It is gratifying to know that the problem is receiving the most serious attention of the Government, and it is earnestly to be hoped that from these consultations a solution will result.

The West Indies, it is only reasonable to conclude, will consider any proposals solely from a business point of view, and will expect in return for any concessions a *quid pro quo*, and the question is can we give it? The West Indies agreement is essentially a reciprocity treaty, but the point which concerns us particularly is that by it the Federal authorities have secured for Nova Scotia material advantages in the matter of disposing of her fish. One of the objects of Ottawa in this connection, it must be presumed, was to ally in a measure the feeling in the Province that it had not been receiving a proper share of consideration at the hands of the Federal authorities. Up till now Newfoundland has been Nova Scotia's most formidable rival in this trade, and however desirous the Federal Government may be to enable this country to enjoy the same privileges as those secured for the Province, it hardly seems likely that they would take any such action and thereby revive the animosity of the people of Nova Scotia.

It has been suggested in an unofficial quarter that advantage might be taken by Newfoundland of Article VIII in the Canada-West Indies Agreement, and that negotiations should be opened with the idea of making it a tripartite pact. The Article reads: "Save as herein otherwise provided this Agreement shall not interfere with any existing preference or with the granting of any future preference by the Dominion or by any other part of the British Empire or with any existing preference or the granting of any future preference by the said Colonies among themselves."

The only possible basis for an agreement including all three parties, would be the granting of preferential rates by all concerned. This would undoubtedly be satisfactory to Canada, from whom under present circumstances we are purchasing approximately \$11,000,000 worth of goods, but how should we make up for the loss of revenue not only on the amount of importations taxable now, but also on the additional quantity which she would supply under a preference system, and which formerly was obtained from other sources?

A more serious result of any such agreement would be that the preference granted on Canadian goods would automatically erect a tariff wall against British merchandise. This would defeat the very object which the Mother Country is trying to encourage, namely, closer trade relationship between herself and the Overseas Dominions. Further, any such agreement would most certainly be regarded in this country as the first step towards Confederation, and it is useless to attempt to disguise the fact that the slightest movement in that direction would arouse considerable opposition in the Island.

Since there are such insuperable obstacles in the way of a solution of our problems in the directions mentioned, is there any

other way out? Is it possible, for example, that out of our difficulties may arise a discussion of a far bigger question, namely, the federation of the British Dependencies in North America? It cannot be denied that even if events are not already leading in that direction, the consummation of such a union is eminently to be desired. The minds of the statesmen both in Great Britain and Overseas are occupied with the question of fostering improved trade relations within the Empire, and everywhere it is agreed that the closing up of the ranks is essential in order to meet competition and to preserve our entity.

The uniting of the British West Indian Islands, Canada and Newfoundland in a New World Commonwealth would be the most important event in the Empire's history and the advantages which would result both individually and collectively would be incalculable. Impossible as this vast project may appear at first glance, it must be remembered that there are precedents for such a federation. The Commonwealth of Australia is one and the Union of South Africa is another, and in the case of the suggested union, neither the geographical difficulties, conflicting commercial interests, nor the racial differences would present any more serious obstacles than those overcome in the federations already accomplished.

In the event of such an alliance being formed, what territory in the whole of British North America would constitute a better nucleus of the Commonwealth than the Oldest Colony, with St. John's as the Capital? Looking at the matter from a purely local standpoint, we are unable to conceive how it could be otherwise than to our advantage. Newfoundland would not be derided; she would not sink, for example, from a position of independence to that of a province. Retaining her present status, she would be enabled to participate in all trade privileges at present agreed upon, and that, without any sacrifices, and she would then fulfil her destiny as the gateway of the Western World in the fullest sense. If St. John's as the most centrally situated of the cities of the Commonwealth became its capital, we should have reached the highest peak of our ambitions.

A Name for the New Hotel

There is much talk and discussion at the present time, over the name to be given the new hotel now being built here by The Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Ltd., and several suggestions have been offered.

The promoters, at first, called it "The Newfoundland Hotel" with the idea of advertising both the Hotel and the Colony by the use of the word Newfoundland. Later it was called "The Royal Newfoundland Hotel." While the word Royal adds distinction it tends to eliminate the remainder of the name for people speak of "The Royal Hotel" or only "The Royal" rather than of "The Royal Newfoundland Hotel." As abbreviations are very popular to-day, if the latter name is adhered to, the Hotel will lose its distinctive identity and become merely one of the many Royal Hotels, some of them very insignificant, which are scattered over the face of the universe.

Shakespeare's "What's in a Name?" applies here as well as elsewhere and no matter what name it may bear, the Hotel will fill the long felt want for which it is being built but in order to select a suitable and popular name, it would be interesting to have a contest, with one or two prizes offered, for the name that the judges would consider most valuable from an advertising and historical point of view, the contestants being obliged to state the reasons for their choice.

It is not generally known that while excavating for the foundations of the cellar and cold storage part of the Hotel, the contractors unearthed two tunnels, one of which is supposed to have communicated with Signal Hill in the olden days. This information should lead to some research work on the part of those who are historically inclined and perhaps the public archives could supply some details as to the construction as well as to the destruction of old Fort William.

Arrivals From the Fishery

The following vessels have arrived at Twillingate from the Labrador fishery during the week ended September 18th. All were outfitted by Messrs. Ashbourne, Ltd.—Pearl, 200 qts.; Orphir, 150 qts.; Ascelia, 540 qts.; Violet Currie, 950 qts.; York, 200 qts.; N. Duncan, 500 qts.; Emma Jane, 120 qts.; Elmo Golden, 550 qts.

Tug Boat Arrives Short of Supplies

S.S. Coalapolis, Capt. Verill, arrived from Middleborough, Eng., yesterday short of supplies. The ship met with adverse weather conditions, having been 24 days on the Atlantic bound to Halifax. The Coalapolis has been purchased by Messrs. O. S. Campbell and Company, Agents for the Red Cross Line at Halifax, to be used as a tug boat. As soon as a fresh supply of coal and water has been placed on board she will continue the run to Halifax.

Being Inquired Into

A magisterial enquiry into the death of John Laxman, which occurred at the General Hospital, was begun at the Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, when Dr. Fox and Superintendent Parsons gave evidence. Laxman was serving a three months' term at the Penitentiary for a breach of the Alcoholic Liquors Act.

Presentation Convent Association

Quite a large gathering of members and friends of the above Association spent a very pleasant evening on Thursday last. The ever popular game of "Auction" was indulged in, and teas were supplied by the ladies of the Association. Prizes were presented by the President to the highest bidder—Mrs. W. O'Keefe a dainty tea service, and the "Booby" prize to Mrs. P. F. Collins. The proceeds were up to expectations, and will add considerably towards the fund for the building of a new school.

To-Night's Dance

"GAIETY HALL"
To-night, the eve of whole holiday, the fifth dance of the series in aid of the C.C.C. Hall takes place, and no doubt the usual large crowd will be present. Since the inauguration of these dances they have proved to be very popular and enjoyable, and to-night's dance will be no exception to the rule. The Prince's full Orchestra will again render a new programme of dance music. The prices will be the same: Gentlemen, \$1.00; Ladies, 75 cents. Dancing at 9 p.m. sharp. Mr. Darcy, conductor of the Prince's Orchestra, announces he has an entirely new programme of music for to-night. sept19,31

T.A. Ladies' Entertainment

The T.A. Ladies' Auxiliary are opening their season's activities to-night, when a card party, supper and dance will be held in the T.A. Armouries. The card tournament will commence at eight o'clock, for which gold pieces will be offered. The music for the dance will be supplied by the Gem Orchestra. An enjoyable evening's amusement is anticipated.

Millions read the story—now see the picture—"Judgment of the Storm."

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Last Night's Band Concert

The fifth of a series of Promenade Band Concerts, under the direction of the C.L.B. and C.C.C. Bands took place in the Prince's Rink last night, and was largely attended. The programme rendered by the bands included the latest dance numbers and was joined in by a large gathering. The next concert will be held on Friday night when it is proposed to run off a series of races. Suitable prizes will be offered.

British Warships Decks to be Made of Canadian Wood

LONDON.—(Canadian Press)—J. S. McKinnon, of Toronto, director of industrial exhibits in the Canadian section of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, informed the Canadian Press Thursday here that the British Admiralty will use Douglas fir from British Columbia for the decks of all its new warships.

Renaud's (made in France) Face Powder, at STAFFORD'S, 15c. box.—sept12,14

"So This is London"

BRILLIANT 3-ACT COMEDY THOROUGHLY ENJOYED.

Laugh after laugh greeted the Harkins' players at the Casino last night in the presentation of "So This is London," a brilliant 3-act comedy by Arthur Goodrich. The entire company is included in the cast. The opposing characteristics of the Englishman and American are the basis of the play. One moment it is kidding or spoofing the English, and in the next the American is being kidded. In other words the play is fifty fifty or an even break between the two great nations.

The play, under the direction of Joseph Selman, met with a splendid reception, and the audience was kept in a hilarious mood throughout the performance. To tell the story of the play might spoil the interest for future audiences. Of the players we wish to say that Miss Deane was delightful as Elmer Beauchamp, the English girl. Mr. Joseph Selman played the part of a brusque American business man, and his portrayal was perfect. Mr. Fred Nelson took the part of Sir Percy Beauchamp. Those who saw him in the "Acquittal," as Kenneth Winthrop, the murderer, could scarcely suspect he possessed the consummate humor necessary for the part he played last night, as an English gentleman. Miss E. Du Bois as Mrs. Hiram Draper, the American wife, was charming. She is an actress of much experience. Her burlesque of the character in the second act brought forth peals of laughter. Miss Mary Jepp as the peacemaker between the two families played her part with splendid success. She faultlessly represented the wife of an English nobleman. Miss Doris Haslett as the English mother was equally as charming. Mr. Demler as the American boy and Rex Benware as the English business man were both excellent, and Messrs. James Bliss, James Morey and George Rodgers in smaller parts rounded out a most acceptable performance.

The ladies of the company wore gowns that appealed to the good taste of the spectators, and the stage settings were all that could be desired. The singing by Mr. Rogers added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening. He has a splendid voice, and it is hoped he will be heard in future performances. Last night there was a crowded house, and extra chairs had to be placed to accommodate patrons. The boxes, too, were filled. The play will be repeated to-night, and tickets may be had at Chessman's. To-morrow being a general holiday reserved seats will be on sale at the box office of the Casino from 10 a.m.

Greater than "Way Down East"—"Judgment of the Storm," to-night at the Majestic. sept12,14

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Sept. 21st.—This the first day of shooting but do not envy those that are on the barrens being that the weather is such that it is unfit even to go abroad. Indeed, Povey having gone to the Witless Bay line in the early morning returns so he tells me, high frozen to death and with a bird. Talking with Briggs, whose head is ever filled with statistics, which would be well enough if he kept them to himself, but damned annoying when he quotes them to me. This day he is troubled with the hairpin question, and tells me how there are now 30,000,000 fewer hairpins a day used. This must be a sad blow to husbands that were accustomed to using their wives hairpins for the cleansing of their pipes.

JUNIOR LEAGUE FOOT-BALL—St. George's Field, this evening at 6.15 sharp. Mount Cashel vs. B.I.S. Admission 10c. Boys 5c. Grandstand 10c. extra. sept22,11

Standard Oil Official Passes Away

Word has been received of the death of Mr. A. J. Bedford, Chairman of the Standard Oil Co. in New Jersey, but no further particulars are at present available.

McMurdo's Store News.

A RUN DOWN CONDITION.
Does the day just drag through instead of flying by? Something is physically wrong if it does, and a little attention will save you a possible nervous breakdown. Don't delay, see us to-day about a good tonic. "Come Here and be Pleased." MCMURDO'S DRUG STORE. Water St. Phone 271.

Obituary

JAMES MIFFLIN LAWRENCE.

The intimation yesterday morning of the sudden illness of Mr. James Lawrence was followed shortly afterwards by a brief message to the effect that he had passed away, death being due to a paralytic stroke.

To those who were acquainted with the deceased, and they were many, the news was learned with deep regret, for all who had occasion to associate with him in any manner held him in the very highest esteem and regard because of his unfailing courtesy and his cheery disposition.

Born in Bonaville, seventy one years ago he came to St. John's in 1889 with his brother Thomas, whose death occurred two years ago, and entered the employ of the late Samuel Carrell, the grandfather of Mr. Arthur Carrell. After serving his time, he started a carriage factory business in partnership with his brother near the site of the Croftie Hotel. Following the fire the factory was rebuilt on its present site on Gower Street.

Prominently identified with the Nfld. British Society, he was always foremost in promoting its welfare, and in addition to being a Past Master he held up to the time of his death the position of President of the Board of Guardians, Prince Albert Branch.

He was a prominent member of St. Thomas's Church, of which he was for years one of the eldersmen. When Dr. Jones founded the Llewellyn Club Mr. Lawrence was elected as Vice President, and he remained a member of the Committee for some time. He was identified with St. Andrew's Brotherhood since the days of Canon Arthur Wood. In his younger days he was a member of the Cathedral Men's Bible Class and he retained his connection with the harbor mission boat to the end. In every respect he was an exemplary citizen, his whole life being a steady contribution to integrity and faithful service.

The surviving relatives of the deceased are one son, Jack, who resides in the U.S.A.; two daughters, Edith, the wife of Mr. S. Roger, and Nellie, who resides at home, and there are two brothers living George of this city and John in Bonaville. To the bereaved the Telegram extends sympathy. The funeral takes place from his late residence, 53 Hayward Avenue, to-morrow afternoon.

Oporto Stocks

	Sept. 21	Sept. 14
British Stock	39,200	42,686
Consumption	7,257	5,714
Norwegian	21,657	21,143
Consumption	3,428	3,714

Renaud's Face Powder (flesh and white), at STAFFORD'S, 15c. box.—sept12,14

SYMPATHY.

Ease the family's sorrow, send FLOWERS. Wreaths delivered promptly. Prices reasonable.

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MARRIED.

At the United Church, Flat Islands, P.E., on Sept. 8th, by Rev. Peacock, Winnie M., daughter of Wm. A. and the late Mrs. Senior, to A. J. Crocker, of H. Grace.

DIED.

This morning, at 2 o'clock, John C. (Jack) Bradbury, aged 25 years. Funeral to-morrow at 8 o'clock from his late residence, Summer Street, to the Railway Station.

Yesterday, at the age of 71 years, Mr. James Mifflin Lawrence, Funeral to-morrow, Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 53 Hayward Avenue.

On September 22nd, Florence Mary, darling child of Stella and William Wylie, aged 4 months.

On Sept. 19th, Frederick Joseph, darling child of Frederick and Margaret Pear, aged 11 months.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of Margaret McDonald, who died Sept. 22nd, 1924. The roses in memory's garden They never fade away; But the one that died one year ago In the one I miss to-day.

When the evening shades are falling And I am sitting all alone; In my heart there comes a longing Is she only could come home?

Off and off my thoughts will wander To the grave where she is laid; Where they gently lowered her body Just one year ago to-day.

She is gone oh, how we miss her. But we know it's for the best; God has called her from her suffering To His Heavenly home for rest.

And I hope to meet our dear one When the storm of life is o'er; For to know her and to greet her Over on the eternal shore.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on her soul. Inserted by her father, mother and family.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Holloway, of Corner Brook, wish to convey their kind appreciation for the many messages of sympathy from all their friends during their recent bereavement.

Wednesday is the LAST General Holiday for the Summer!!

Get a good supply of Kodak Films on hand, so as to be ready for any "snap" you'd like to keep as a souvenir of the day.

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SPORTS' DAY

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.

Open Events:	Club Events:
100 Yards Dash	Old Comrades' Relay Race
220 Yards Dash	—3 men.
1/4 Mile	Inter-Collegiate Football
1/2 Mile	Sixes.
1 Mile	Inter-Collegiate Tug-o-War
2 Mile	Inter-School Relay Race—
Hammer Throw	Under 17 years.
High Jump	Mercantile Football Sixes.

BOXING EXHIBITION. ADMISSION 20c.

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B.I.S. GRAND DANCE

Wednesday, Sept. 30th.

Tickets, including Supper: GENTS' \$1.00, LADIES' 75c. MUSIC BY PRINCE'S ORCHESTRA. DANCING AT 8.30 SHARP.

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Our Special Attention Given!

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June 15, m. w. f. f.

PORTIA DUE AT ARGENTIA.—The Portia was delayed at Marytown last night on account of a dense fog and was not due to arrive at Argentia until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Her mail and passengers will be transferred by train for Brigus Junction to connect with the local due to reach the city at 3.15 to-night.

WORKMAN INJURED.—Another accident occurred at the dry dock last night when one of the workmen named Michael Power slipped off a derrick and injured his back. He was attended by Dr. J. S. Tait who ordered his removal to hospital, where he was taken in the ambulance.

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