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Effect of Reciprocity Bargain on Favored Nation Clause Clearly Brought Out in the House—Taking Away Every Vestige of Protection From the Farmers.

GOVERNMENT PLACED ON THE DEFENSIVE

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—The sudden change in the situation regarding reciprocity in the house of commons brought about on Wednesday was continued today. There was a splendid display of guerrilla tactics by the opposition. The government, more than ever, was placed on the defensive, and on a question affecting the operation of the pact with nations signatory to the favored nation treaty, R. L. Borden completely wrested the minister of finance. For two hours the opposition obstructed the house getting into committee of ways and means. One member after another spoke on the motion, until both Mr. Fielding and Mr. Paterson gave evidence of anger and exasperation.

The bill was started by C. L. Owens (E. Northumberland) reading a telegram from Washington that Senator Cummings would introduce an amendment to the tariff law of the United States admitting all Canadian manufactures free of duty. "If this is done, will our government allow American manufactures into Canada free of duty?"

Mr. Fielding said he preferred to wait until he received the proposal. On the motion to go into committee, E. G. Porter (W. Hastings) started in a skilful way. He read a resolution of protest from the strawboard manufacturers of the country.

Would Not Affect Our Loyalty.

W. E. Knowles (Moos-Jaw) responded with a resolution from the Swift Current Board of Trade. "Viewing with satisfaction that a reciprocal tariff agreement had been reached with the United States," as it would help agricultural interests and bring about closer relations between the two countries, and concluded by saying: "It will not affect our nationality or our loyalty."

The Kootenay member, E. S. Goodenave, was next on his feet with protests from the Kootenay Farmers' Institute, and two other members of the same organizations, while another member asked if the government had understood if the bill was passed that the cereal mills at Peterboro would close down.

The Boards of Trade Resolutions.

W. E. Middleboro (N. Grey) drew the attention of the minister of finance to the resolution of the associated boards of trade at Toronto, moved by R. S. Gourlay and seconded by E. J. Davis, one time member of the Ross Government, and of the statement of Sir William Vanhorne that he was "too sick and ashamed" to say anything.

The only point which is now in my honorable friends' observations," said Mr. Fielding, "is the high opinion of E. J. Davis. I just tried to see that he has changed his mind."

Then followed other interruptions. Members produced more protests. E. B. Lew (Yarmouth, N.S.) had one in favor of it.

Both Mr. Bradbury and Dr. Reid started to get the floor, and while one was bowing to the other, David Henderson (Halton) convulsed the house by retorting in stentorian tones, "I have a protest from the Burlington Fruit Growers' Association."

"Sober Second Thoughts."

At this point Hon. Wm. Paterson took a hand in the agreement. He pointed out that the agreement was one which had given the house some information, quoting from newspapers and otherwise, he would like to read an article from the Summer, or review, a fruit publication in British Columbia in support of free fruit. "The subject of the article is 'Sober Second Thoughts,'" said Mr. Paterson, while the members roared. The minister of customs made some inarticulate reference to Martin Burrell, which caused the latter to ask if it was said that he was the author of the article. Mr. Paterson feigned not to hear the question. The members called "order," but he blundered on.

Finally, when Mr. Burrell got a hearing, the minister replied that the member for Yale-Cariboo would have written the article if he had been in his "second sober thoughts."

Geo. Bradbury (Selkirk), also contributed to the procession of protests. Dr. Reid (Greenville) said he understood that if the agreement went through butter would come in free from Denmark just as from the United States. This was made possible under the favored nation treaties. He observed that when the delegation of farmers was here neither the premier nor the minister of agriculture had said that twelve other countries besides the United States could send into Canada their products in competition with Canadian farmers. When Mr. Fielding had been asked the question in the house the other day he had jumped up irritated and had not given a full answer. He was afraid to tell the people the facts, Mr. Fielding said he had answered clearly enough.

Mr. Borden wanted to know if the countries affected by the favored nation treaty would be able to send into Canada free of duty the same goods that the United States could send into Canada free of duty under the reciprocity agreement.

Favored Nation Treaties.

Mr. Fielding reminded that Mr. Borden

REJECTED RECIPROCITY MOTION

WINNIPEG, Feb. 23.—The Manitoba Legislature, by a straight party vote of 28 to 19, today defeated the resolution of T. C. Norval, leader of the opposition, approving the reciprocity pact, and passed an amendment thereto advocating imperial preference and free trade within the empire. At the close of the vote the National Anthem was sung, followed by cheers. Mr. Norris would not injure interprovincial trade, and would result in a great flow of capital to the west and increased immigration.

POWERS SHY AT PEACE PROPOSAL

Time Not Ripe, Would Endanger Defences of France, Says M. Pichon — Germany Adds to Army Strength.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The peace advocates in the chamber of deputies returned to the charge today. On Jan. 16 the chamber sent to the committee on foreign affairs the resolution of the Socialist leader, M. Jaures, inviting France to join the movement begun by the United States to make treaties of arbitration with all foreign countries. This resolution was opposed by M. Pichon, the foreign minister.

The Socialist deputy, M. Sembat, today submitted a motion inviting the government to open negotiations with Germany, particularly Great Britain and Germany, with a view to the simultaneous limitation of armaments, and in the meantime suspend the construction of warships, advocated by the minister of armaments, M. Borel.

M. Pichon opposed this as futile. He declared that the time was not ripe for such action, and that a step of this kind would seriously endanger the defences of France. The question had been thrice snatched at The Hague. President Taft, he continued, a great advocate of arbitration, had declared that the American navy must be developed. Germany similarly held strong defences as the greatest guarantee of peace at present. The motion was rejected, 225 to 159.

Eventually the government accepted a motion inviting co-operation with other powers, with the object of securing discussion at The Hague of the question of simultaneous disarmament. This was adopted, 447 to 56.

Germany Strengthens Navy.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The Reichstag today passed the second reading of the five-year military bill, which is designed to strengthen the army gradually by more than 10,000 soldiers.

Herr Baumbach, the National Liberal leader, said that ideal universal peace cannot be realized in the near future. France continues arming. England is adding a tendency to increase her army and introduce universal military service, and the United States is developing an imperialist direction along a big navy to her commercial fleet, he said.

Dr. Otto Wiemer, Progressive, demanded that the Reichstag seriously discuss the problem of disarmament, and Herr Korfanty, a Polish representative, said that Germany should accept England's disarmament overtures, and not reject them with a wave of the hand.

WOULD DRAW CHURCHES INTO FEDERAL UNION

Important Movement Launched by Prominent Presbyterians, Seeks to Establish General Council, Each Protestant Church Retaining Its Autonomy — Organic Union Discarded as Impracticable Dream.

A movement which will undoubtedly take rank as one of the most important in the history of the churches of Canada for many years, was launched yesterday, when at a meeting of about 50 representative ministers and laymen of the Presbyterian Churches of Toronto, and other centres, held in the schoolroom of New St. Andrew's Church, a strong organization, to be known as the Presbyterian Association for the Federal Union of the Churches, was effected.

The movement is the outcome of decided dissatisfaction with the proposed basis for organic union of the Protestant churches and if hopes are realized, similar organizations will soon spring up in the Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational Churches.

A Representative Gathering.

Among those present were: Rev. F. Crawford Brown of New St. Andrew's; Rev. B. Strachan, Rosedale; Rev. A. Robertson, St. James' Square; Rev. A. L. Giesse, Parkdale; Rev. D. T. McCarroll; Rev. Dr. McLeod, Barrie; Rev. R. G. McBeth, Paris; Rev. Dr. Smith, St. Catharines; Principal McKay, Westminster Hall, Vancouver.

Rev. Dr. McLeod acted as chairman, and A. H. McGillivray, Weston, as secretary.

In the course of the discussion there was revealed an increasing feeling amongst the churches against the union of the Methodist, Congregational and

Paltering With a National Crisis

The Globe and other government organs seem to think that ingenious quibbling about such questions, and juggling of opinions held, or not held, by people twenty years ago, will cover the fact of the immense upheaval of solid business opinion throughout the country on the reciprocity question.

The Globe and its allies should at least do the country the justice to treat the matter earnestly, and not imagine that feeble quips and cranks and wanton wiles will satisfy a nation at a time when its lead in a dead corner is distinctly an evidence of the desire to ignore them, people must feel that there are no arguments to meet the situation.

Senator Ross and Mr. Hugh Blain, both Globe directors, have spoken out. People expect to hear from Senator Cox and from Senator Jaffray. It will not do to attempt merely to minimize the importance of those who speak. Secondary prominent men cannot agree touching a matter of this kind without solid grounds. Let us have something better than recriminations about party loyalty.

Britain Friendly to Scheme.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Sir Edward Grey, in a written reply to the house of commons on the question, outlined the negotiations with the United States concerning the peace proposals. He said that the British Government would give the friendliest consideration to any definite scheme that a peace commission appointed by congress might succeed in formulating.

LIGHTHOUSE REMAINS

So Hon. L. P. Brodeur Assures Toronto Deputation.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—(Special)—A civic deputation from Toronto discussed matters affecting the city and its citizens with Hon. L. P. Brodeur and Hon. George P. Graham today.

The minister of marine and fisheries assured them that the lighthouse at Gibraltar would be maintained. He also discussed with them the bill to revise and extend the power of the harbor commission and said it was possible that the bill might be taken over as a government measure.

With the minister of railways the deputation opened that the question of amending the railway act so as to bring commutation rates under the control of the railway commission, Mr. Graham said there was a bill on the order paper which had this for its object, but it was too far down on the list to be reached this session. However, he would confer with representatives of the railway companies regarding the matter.

AT THE "CONTINENTAL" CROSS ROADS STORE



STOREKEEPER: What did you think of the Boards of Trade's kick agin Reciprocity up in Toronto?

UNCLE BILLY FIELDING: Kids—just kids.

UNCLE BILLY PATERSON: I'll bet ye they was some of them lads not seventy years of age.

PACT DENOUNCED AT LIB. MEETING

It Means Annexation, Declares an Old-Time Liberal — Two Sides to the Question.

AYLMER, Feb. 23.—Rev. A. E. De St. Dalmas, Baptist minister at Sparta provided the East Elgin Liberal rally here today with somewhat of a sensation when he declared that there were two sides to the reciprocity question and that the Liberal speakers who preceded him had simply thrown dust in the eyes of the people.

Describing himself as "A Liberal before and after" the Sparta clergyman said: "If we had minded our own business the treaty would have been taken down without the necessity for any treaty or any concessions on our part at all."

At this point hisses and catcalls began to arise and it was necessary for President Lewis to appeal for order. "I am not talking about something that I know not of," said Rev. Mr. de St. Dalmas, when the uproar had been quieted. "Its absorption and annexation that is advanced by reciprocity, then aim and purpose in this treaty is annexation and if you don't believe it now you will believe it later."

Yarmouth, moved a resolution of confidence in the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and of approval of the reciprocity agreement. Several remained seated.

"Stand up, stand up," shouted the president, and one or two arose.

"Stand up, stand up," he shouted again, but still there were a few remained fast in their seats.

"Now we will give the contrary a chance to stand," he said, and two men stood up, while a few more blisses sounded. A few declined to vote either way.

Officers of the association were elected as follows: President, Walter C. Lewis, Yarmouth; vice-president, C. W. Wonnacott, Copenhagen; secretary, G. W. Howse, Aylmer.

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SUNDAY WORLD AUTO SPECIAL

We are paying special attention to the automobile people in our next issue. The big Auto Show opens in the armories on Saturday night, and for two weeks the eyes of many people will be on it. For that reason The Sunday World will give an additional section of twelve or fourteen pages to this industry. Every phase of automobile and automobile making will be treated in special articles by expert motorists.

The front page will be a blaze of color, done by our own artists, and printed on our own presses. It will be the most unique thing ever turned out on any newspaper press in Canada. The whole section will also be profusely illustrated. No other department of the big paper will be neglected because of this feature. All the usual attractive things will be there. Get the paper early.

A DOZEN DEAD.

TONOPIAH, Nev., Feb. 23.—A dozen men are dead, nine in a hospital and several are still imprisoned in Belmont Mine to-night, following a fire today.

Throwing Snowball Broke Leg.

While throwing a snowball at a man across the street, Wm. Campbell, 26 years of age, unmarried, residing at 27 Bellevue-avenue, fell and fractured his left leg. He was removed to Grace Hospital, where he is being attended. Campbell is a leather worker, and came to this country from Scotland several years ago.

Delightful Music and Delicious Comedy

The attraction at the Princess next week, "Three Twins," is brimful of delightful music, delicious comedy and magnificent stage pictures. That clever Scotch comedian, Clifton Crawford, well known in this city, is the bright light.

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REFUSED TO SANCTION INCREASE IN RATES

Interstate Commerce Commissioners' Finding Surprises Wall Street—An Exception Made in Case of Southwestern Roads—No General Advance Till Reasonable Economy Shown.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The Interstate Commerce Commission decided against the railroads in both the eastern and western cases. The decision, eagerly awaited by railroads and shippers alike, was handed down late this afternoon.

The cases are the most important that have ever come before the commission. The decisions were in the nature of a surprise to railroad officials and other experts, who have followed closely the proceedings, a majority of whom believe the commission would grant some increase to the western lines, if not to the eastern.

After considering exhaustively the whole subject, however, from every viewpoint, the commission could not see its way clear to grant any advance in rates, although it concedes that in the case of some of the roads an increased revenue is needed. In what is known as the eastern case, the commission was embarrassed by the admitted fact that several of the lines in the territory were paying good dividends upon existing rates, while other carriers in the same territory were barely able to make both ends meet—a few of them scarcely that.

Approves Southwestern Advances.

In the so-called southwestern cases, the commission declines to disturb either the commodity or the class rates, thus in effect authorizing the advances recently made by a road except as to the third, fourth, fifth and sixth classes, on which the old rates are ordered restored.

The carriers are ordered to cancel the advanced tariffs on or before March 10. If they fail to do this, the commission will order a suspension of proposed advances and fix the existing rates for two years. In the western case the carriers entered a powerful plea for increased revenue, to put into improvements and betterments.

The same argument was advanced in support of the proposed advance in official classification territory, but Commissioner Prosty, who wrote the opinion in the eastern case, says: "This argument does not appeal to us. We doubt the practical difficulty suggested (that of obtaining by loan sufficient money to finance the roads), and, were it true, it is not apparent that the general public should stand responsible for the mistakes which have been made in financing these railroad systems."

History of the Cases.

Both the eastern and western cases were brought to public attention in the spring of 1910. Just prior to the enactment of the existing interstate commerce law, which, in part, became effective on June 15, 1910, the carriers of official classification territory—in

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TO ASK SHORTER HOURS FOR SALE OF LIQUOR

Local Temperance Forces Also Seek Abolition of Club Licenses.

The dove of peace resigned over the second temperance meeting of the Canadian Citizens' League in Labor Temple last night, and the temperance workers of Toronto by a large majority endorsed the movement for a reduction in hours as instigated by Alderman McCarthy.

Rev. B. H. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, said that he was as all the temperance people were not agreed on the method that should be adopted to secure shorter hours, the question should not be made one of municipal politics, but that the government should be requested to reduce the hours during which liquor should be sold throughout the province.

Large Cities Only.

The resolution moved by Rev. Dr. Hincks and seconded by Rev. R. M. Dickey, was amended to include cities of over 100,000, as it was believed this would make it of effect in the larger centres where local option was not submitted, and it would render it a public bill and the government would be able to discuss it.

The resolution, as passed, follows: "That this conference of temperance workers memorialize the provincial government to amend the Ontario Liquor Act, so as to provide that in hotels and shops the municipalities of 100,000 or over the hours of sale and delivery shall not be more than 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday to Friday, inclusive, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Said reduction of hours to take place on the first May, following any regular municipal election at which a majority of electors declare in favor of such shorter hours.

"That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, in order that they may consider the advisability of asking similar legislation for other municipalities."

Out Club Licenses.

Out of E. Fielding, a resolution to memorialize the government not to grant any licenses to clubs, after January 1, was passed without any opposition.

A committee composed of the following temperance workers was appointed to carry out the wishes of the meeting: Add. McCarthy, H. W. Ausman, W. H. Smith, E. Fielding, ex-Ald. Vokes, L. Duncan, Ald. Graham, W. E. Raney, K. C., ex-Ald. Hales, Rev. H. B. Blaney, Rev. Mr. McLean, Mr. Shanklin, H. Sutherland, John Coburn, Dr. Willmott, Rev. H. R. Nobles and others.

HELD UP ON STREET

Muscular Stranger Went Thru James McMillan's Pockets.

James Hance, 41 years, 266 Arthur-street, was arrested last night at 8:05 by Patrol Sergeant McDonald, charged with assaulting and robbing James McMillan, 543 West King-street, in a lane off Niagara-street.

McMillan called for help and the officer, who happened to be passing, colored Hance at the mouth of the lane into which he, being a powerful man, had drawn his victim. McMillan says that \$2 and some silver was taken.

"The Hat the King Wears."

Hats by the great English maker, Henry Heath, are now on sale in Toronto by the sole Canadian agents, the Dineen Company. The hat Heath manufactures is acknowledged to be the very best product in that line. No well-groomed Englishman will wear any other. The "Heath" Dineen sells for four dollars retail for eight dollars on Fifth-avenue, New York. All the new styles are on sale at Dineen's.

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