

Mass Meeting Passed Strong Resolution Against Reciprocity

Public Meeting in Victoria Hall Last Evening Was Largely Attended by Representative Citizens of all Classes

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT WAS SEVERELY CENSURED

An Admirable Address By Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, of Brantford. Resolution Was Carried Practically Unanimously, and After all Had Been Given an Opportunity to Speak.

Record Receives Reliable Information to the Effect That an Investigation is Being Made Along New Lines, and That Definite Results Are Expected.

By a practically unanimous vote the above resolution passed at the mass meeting in Victoria Hall last evening called for the purpose of discussing the reciprocity question.

The hall was well filled with representative mechanics, manufacturers, business and professional men. As was announced, the meeting was non-political, and all desiring to speak on the question were given an opportunity of doing so.

The resolution was put at the conclusion of the addresses, and was carried with practically no opposition. That the large audience recognized the danger to Canada was evidenced by the hearty applause which greeted the following points made by the different speakers, and the sincere "hear, hear" with which the address of Mr. Cockshutt was punctuated.

The meeting last night was a representative one, and it was quite evident that among the citizens of Berlin, particularly the wage-earners, the far-reaching effects of the agreement are recognized, and that the great majority are opposed to reciprocity in any form.

and revolutionary measure ever introduced. Mr. Fielding had said that for the past 50 years both political parties had been striving for reciprocity with the United States. This was a serious misstatement. If he had said that for the past 15 years the reciprocity question had been a dead issue he would have been much nearer the mark.

Canada had gone ahead in great strides under a protective policy. It had never before in its history been so prosperous. The speaker had time and again heard Mr. Fielding in his budget speeches make the remark that Canada was prospering beyond expectation.

Why then had such a revolutionary measure been introduced? Nearly 200 items were included in the proposed agreement. What would this mean to Berlin, Brantford, Hamilton, Guelph, Toronto, Galt and other manufacturing centres? It meant that where there was at present plenty of work and good wages conditions would be gradually changed and an area of slack times and low wages would come into being.

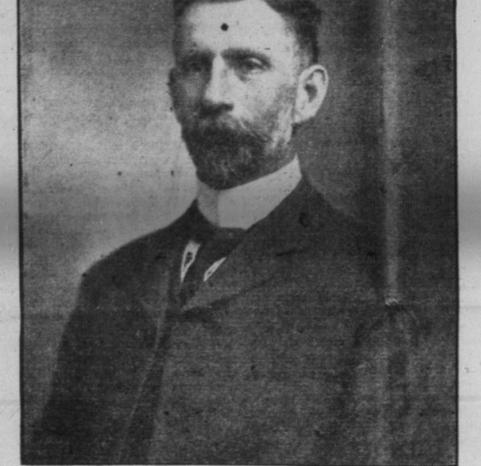
If millions of dollars worth of goods were coming into Canada under a 20 per cent. tariff what would happen if the tariff were removed, or even reduced? What would this mean to the industries of our country?

Mr. Cockshutt stated his confidence that he would be able to bring to the satisfaction of the average farmer that the proposed agreement was not going to prove to his advantage. It was much more far-reaching than the farmer had been led to expect.

Touching on the inception of the movement the speaker said that it had originated with a deputation of 800 farmers from the west, and the statement had been made that many of these farmers were still American citizens, and that their expenses on the trip had been paid by others more deeply interested, and that the whole affair had been engineered from the other side of the line.

Whereas we believe that if reciprocity increases the price of farm products, as its advocates claim it will, then it must increase the cost of living to every workman in Berlin. And, that if on the other hand, reciprocity, after a trial, were to injure the farmers in their home market, then it would decrease their power of purchasing furniture, boots and shoes, clothing, flannels and collars, checks and dozens of other lines of goods made in Berlin, and consequently deprive our mechanics of a large measure of their employment.

Therefore, be it resolved that this meeting votes its opposition to the Reciprocity Agreement now before the Parliament of Canada and respectfully requests the Premier of Canada not to permit the measure to go into effect until the electors of the Dominion have pronounced on the question at the polls.



W. F. Cockshutt, of Brantford, who in his address last night proved that the reciprocity agreement would work untold harm to Canada.

JACOB B. SCHMIDT MEETS WITH FATAL ACCIDENT—WAS RETURNING HOME NEAR BERLIN WHEN P. & B STREET CAR STRUCK HIM—WAS DRIVING—INQUEST WAS HELD AND ADJOURNED

With his wife an eye witness, John B. Schmidt, aged 75, a retired farmer living on the Centreville road, about one mile out of Berlin, was almost instantly killed by the Preston and Berlin electric car at 5:15 o'clock on Friday afternoon. The fatality occurred directly in front of the farmer's residence, with his wife gazing from the window.

The farmer was returning from Berlin and was crossing the tracks to turn into his lane when the car struck his buggy, completely demolishing it, and throwing the sole occupant onto the track. The body was dragged a considerable distance and when picked up life was practically extinct.

The conductor did not see the accident. Mrs. Schmidt, watching from the window saw her husband turn into the lane and the car strike him. Her husband, she says, had not been feeling well during the afternoon. At four o'clock he decided to take a trip to the Berlin post office.

The distance from the spot where the car struck the buggy and where it stopped measured 75 paces. The conductor did not see the accident. Mrs. Schmidt, watching from the window saw her husband turn into the lane and the car strike him.

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REPORTER JAILED FOR SHIELDING INFORMANT.

Atlanta, Ga., March 15. Because T. J. Hamilton, a reporter for the Augusta Herald, refused to give the Police Board the name of a policeman who gave him a "tip" on a murder story, he must return to jail and finish serving a sentence of five days, or pay a fine of \$50, imposed for contempt. This was the decision handed down by the Supreme Court here to-day.

Respectfully Submitted

No, Florida, the fact that the Council is buying a farm doesn't necessarily mean that the aldermen will become farmers.

In future slow-moving traffic must keep to the curb. This will be had the policemen patrolling their beats.

It's snow use kicking, and it may be better later on.

The man who insisted on rating green onions because it was St. Patrick's day was altogether too patriotic. At least so say the passengers on a certain B. and W. street car.

The reciprocity question is one of great importance. It will be fully discussed in Victoria Hall to-night.

Why not have another claw, just to keep up interest in the Lobinski murder? Any old one will do.

Wouldn't you be angry too, if you had a beautiful new hat and it refused to stop snowing long enough for you to wear it?

A picking factory is to be started in Woodstock. It appears to us that Galt is much more in need of such a concern.

Probably this variety of weather is being inflicted on us because the Weather Man can't afford a new spring suit.

Yes, Florida, the grocer was quite justified in assaulting the man who asked if he might take a moving picture of the cheese.

Never mind, whose two spring-like days fooled even the old Grand, and now it has to go through the whole performance again.

That the detectives in the Lobinski murder case are working on an entirely new clue, and one which promises to have definite results was learned this morning by The Record from an authoritative source.

From the information secured this morning it appears that an important discovery has been made during the past few days, which while it does not entirely clear the parties originally suspected, at least gives reasonable grounds for the belief that they were not implicated.

JURY FINDS JOHN HMDT'S DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

Did Not Find P. & B. Street Railway Negligent, But Make Recommendations. Proceedings of Inquest.

"We the jury empanelled to enquire into the cause of death of John B. Schmidt found dead about one mile east of Berlin along the line of the Preston and Berlin Railway about 5:15 p. m. on Friday, March 17th, 1911, finds as follows: That the death of John B. Schmidt was accidental.

"We the jury strongly recommend that the whistle be blown one hundred yards before farmers' crossings if a team is seen to be going in the same direction and it so that the Express car should be provided with a whistle to prevent such accident."

After an hour's deliberation the jury empanelled to enquire into the death of John B. Schmidt, returned the above verdict on Monday afternoon. The inquest was held in the police court chamber, commencing at ten o'clock. Coroner Dr. J. F. Honsberger presided and Mr. Ward H. Bowly conducted the examination of witness for the Crown and Mr. Second of Galt appeared for the Preston and Berlin street railway.

The chamber was crowded with friends of the deceased, comprising chiefly the farmers of the district. Twelve witnesses were examined, the most important ones being Mrs. Schmidt, conductor Morrison, motorman Burrows and Lester Weaver, a passenger on the car when the accident occurred. The following constituted the coroner's jury:

Wendell E. Shantz, foreman; David Shult, Wm. Adler, Henry Wagner, C. Thomas, John C. Shantz, Daniel E. Shantz, Titus Shantz, Menno Shantz, Moses B. Shantz, Wm. Northgraves, and Victor Meyer.

According to the evidence submitted John Schmidt apparently met death without any realization of danger. He had turned to cross the tracks to enter his home, unaware of the approaching danger. The substance of the evidence is as follows: Addison Snider was the first witness. He lived in the vicinity and was out to the barn when the accident happened. He did not hear a whistle when the car came down the grade. Did not know the deceased to be dead.

Mrs. Schmidt, wife of deceased was at the window. She saw her husband turn in toward the house, was crossing the tracks when she heard the car strike and the next instant the car struck the buggy. Witness left the house. The horse had run away. Body was dragged along the track. Did not know who brought him into the house. Witness had heard only one whistle. Sometimes she heard the car whistle on the hill. Her husband was in good health when she left for Berlin. He was only slightly deaf when he contracted a cold. Did not have a cold at the time.

Since it is practically assumed that Berlin will have a professional baseball team this year, the Daylight Saving Bill, much-talked of a year ago, is again being received by the ball fans and not only are the baseball men interested, but also are the mechanics in the shops, and others whose play hours, by reason of their occupations are necessarily limited.

For the benefit of those who do not know and others who may have forgotten it may be stated that the Daylight Saving Bill is a proposition to turn on the clock one hour during the summer months. At a given time, say the first of June all clocks in Canada would be turned ahead one hour. Thus while the working man would go to work at seven by the clock it would actually be six o'clock and he would quit at six o'clock by the clock, but it would be really five o'clock, thus gaining one hour of daylight in for rest, recreation and pleasure.

You and Your Old Friends Are Invited to Attend The Waterloo County Old Settlers' Re-Union and Saengerfest Week Commencing Monday, August 14, '11 Berlin and Waterloo, Ont.

Honorary Presidents—E. W. B. Snider, Ex-M. P. P., Jos. F. Seagram, Ex-M. P. P., Hon. James Young, James Livingston, Ex-M. P. P. President for the evening, L. J. Breithaupt, Ex-M. P. P., Chairman for Berlin, Dr. F. H. Kahleisch; Waterloo, W. W. Schiedel, Esq.; Secretary Treasurer and Promoter, Allen Huber, Berlin, Ont.

A Historical and Musical Event, Old Relic Exhibition Grand Cavalcade and Pasquant, Old Time Costumes, Pow-wow around Camp-fire, Ground Hog Festival with Potato Pancakes, Waffles, Flap Jack, Haggis, Pretzel, Etc. United Choirs of County with Band Accompaniment, Patriotic Addresses. LADIES' DAY—Quilting and Spinning Bee. Bands and Singing Societies of County. Prize for the "BEST GIRL" Horse and Buggy, decorated with ribbons and natural flowers. Bring your Lunch Basket, Cups, Saucers, Tea and Coffee Pots. GOD SAVE THE KING.