

CLEVER BID FOR RURAL SUPPORT

Republicans Regard Free List Bill as Ingenious Political Move.

Washington, D.C., April 19.—The report made by the Democratic members of the ways and means committee on the so-called farmers' free list bill is regarded as a clever bid for the support of the farmers, and the measure itself has come to be known as "compensation for the farmers." The Democratic members of the committee on the free list bill have exercised wise ingenuity in taking advantage of the dissemination in the Republican ranks and using everything that has been uttered by the president and the insurance Republicans against the high rates of the Payne tariff law. The indications are, however, that the Republicans in the House will be solidly opposed to the free list bill. The fact cannot be operated to the detriment of the measure in the Senate where the insurance Republicans show an inclination to favor the measure as a means of placating the farmers and reducing the cost of articles that are utilized in the farmer's operations. The report in favor of the free list bill and the measure itself discloses what the tariff experts in Congress assert is conclusive evidence of the unfamiliarity of the Democrats with tariff-making.

Hearing the discussion among the members of both parties as to the probable effects of various features of the measure, surprise is expressed that some things have been incorporated in the bill, especially as they have no relation to the Canadian trade situation as it will be affected by the pending agreement and the further fact that too many of the free list items in the bill have a bearing upon agricultural conditions in the south rather than in the north. The claim is made by Democrats who oppose the free list measure that at least forty members of the Democratic majority are opposed to the free list bill, and as a result of the caucus action of the party, no more than a dozen members of the party will vote against the bill.

The Republican leaders attack the free list bill as not being calculated to afford any relief whatever to the farmers of the country who may be affected by the Canadian agreement, also because of the many manufacturers are placed on the free list to the bill under conditions which are expected to operate to the disadvantage of the farmers rather than to their advantage. This charge is made especially with respect to manufactured food products, which are held to give encouragement to the importation of meats from Argentina, and to be of advantage to the exporters whose purchase of meats in the United States will thereby be diminished.

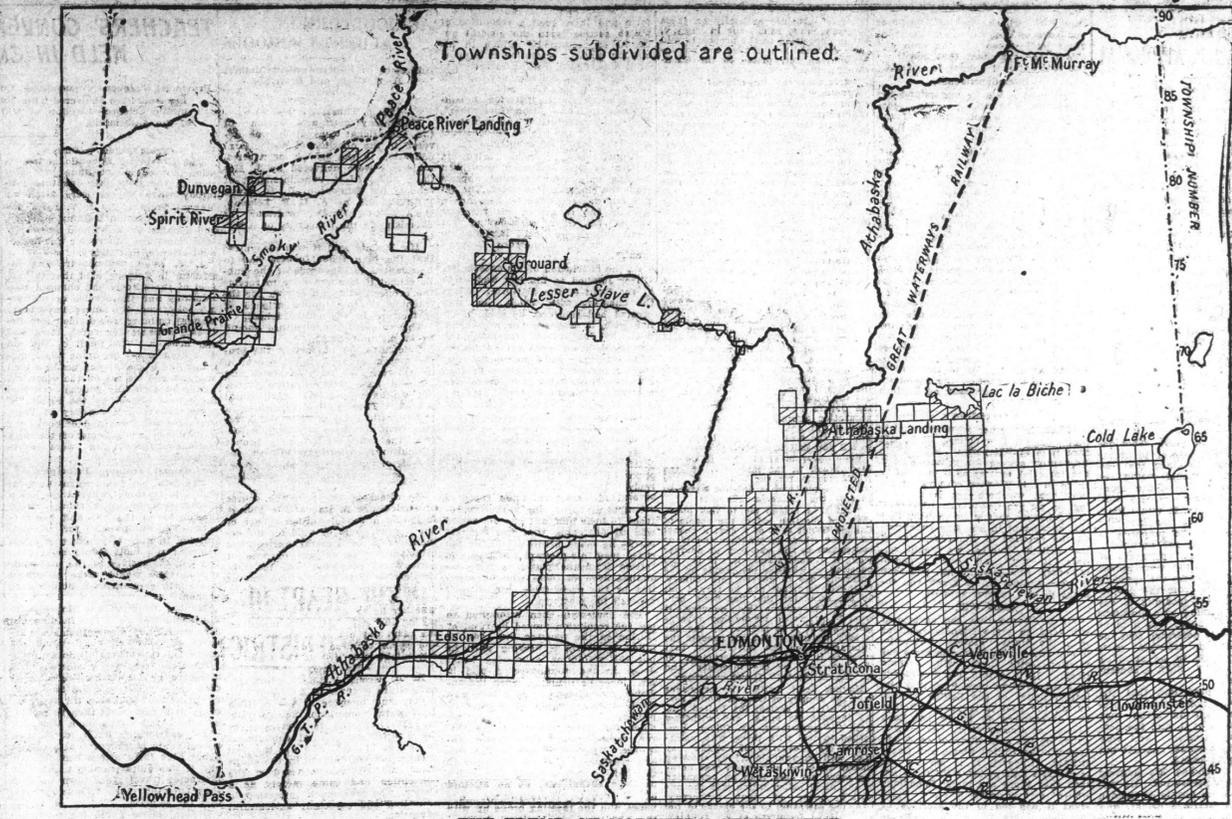
Another attack made by the Republicans upon the free list bill is that it is unjust to Canada in that it proposes to open up the markets of the United States to all other countries on most of the articles as to which a free list agreement has been made with the Dominion giving special favors in our market.

Washington, April 20.—The House of Representatives today passed an amendment to the Canadian reciprocity bill, which provided for the placing on the free list of manufactured articles to compensate the agricultural interests of the country. The amendment was passed by a vote of 217 to 197. The amendment was introduced by Mr. Prouty, of Iowa, and was supported by a number of Democrats and Republicans from many of the proposed states.

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Map showing the progress and direction of the settlement in the country north of Edmonton. The townships outlined are those which were surveyed at the opening of 1910. Those hatched in black are the townships in which there were at that date five or more settlers.

A BITTER FIGHT AT WASHINGTON

State and Party Affiliation Broken in House of Representatives—General Debate Will Close Today—Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, Gives Reasons for His Opposition.

Washington, D.C., April 20.—State and party affiliations were broken repeatedly in the House of Representatives in the concluding hours of the fight on the Canadian reciprocity bill. The Democrats denounced their fellow Democrats for supporting a Republican protective president and the Republicans hurled criticism against their fellow Republicans for marching with the Democrats toward the free trade goal.

During the seven hours of debate, twenty-four men spoke on the reciprocity measure. Two-thirds of them made pleas for its defeat in speeches from one minute to an hour and half in length. In this number were two Democrats from North Carolina and Republicans from many of the proposed states.

The freedom of debate against the bill, brought forth from Mr. Daizell of Pennsylvania, leader of the Opposition, the acknowledgment that the Democratic Leader Underwood had been "exceedingly" fair and generous to those opposed to the bill. Most of the criticisms of the bill were from the agricultural sections, and based on the belief that reciprocity with Canada would mean the loss of the agricultural interests of the United States.

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PREMIER ASQUITH UNCOMPROMISING

Opposition Amendments to Bill Curbed—Lord's Power Detested—Long Sessions are Anticipated—Comment on the Arbitration Proposal.

London, April 20.—The House of Commons sat until 12:45 o'clock this morning, a number of opposition amendments to the reciprocity bill being rejected by substantial majorities for the most part after the application of the "No Temper" rule.

The uncompromising attitude taken by Premier Asquith greatly pleased his followers. An ardent supporter of the reciprocity bill, Secretary Churchill, the chairman pointedly warned Earl Winterton and appealed to the members generally to preserve the decency and dignity of the House. The debate will be resumed Monday.

The debate will be on the second clause. The second clause relates to the restriction of the powers of the House of Lords as to bills other than a money bill. It is passed by the House of Commons in three successive sessions of the same parliament or not and having been sent up to the House of Lords at least one month before the end of the session, is rejected by the House of Lords in each of these sessions, that bill shall on its rejection for the third time by the House of Lords be deemed to have passed.

The suspension of the first clause dealing with money bills, which was passed yesterday, did not involve the question as it was already admitted that the House of Lords did not give the power of veto on money bills. Therefore the opposition devoted its efforts, which proved unsuccessful, to the government down to the exact denouement of a money bill.

Long night sittings are anticipated and a resort to the "sullivan" by the government.

MAY RESORT TO STEAM ROLLER

Democratic Leader May Force Action on Reciprocity To-day.

Washington, April 21.—The House of Representatives entered today upon what the leaders hope is the final stage of the consideration of the Canadian reciprocity bill. Strenuous efforts are being made to force a vote before adjournment today. Chairman Underwood, of the committee on Ways and Means, is exerting all possible pressure to compel action.

It was agreed at the conference between Mr. Underwood and Representatives McCall, of Massachusetts, and Daboll, of Pennsylvania, that the general debate would close at 5 p.m. and remarks under the five minute rule will be in order. The debate included speeches by Mr. McCall and Mr. Daboll, the former in advocacy of the measure and the latter against it. Mr. Underwood, as the majority leader, claimed the privilege of closing the debate.

The situation is complicated by the great number of amendments offered. Many of these are not germane, however, and will be thrown out. The remainder, many of which have been offered to delay action, will provide difficulties for their sponsors as they are prepared to demand roll calls.

For these reasons doubt is expressed by some House leaders that the vote can be reached without continuing the session into the night. Others believe Mr. Underwood will resort to the "steam roller" methods and force action. The Democrats "steam roller" methods have proved effective this session and the optimists of the party are pinning their faith to it on this occasion.

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FOR PROTECTION OF RAILWAYMEN

Important Motion Which Will Come Up for Decision by the Board of Railway Commissioners at Their Next Meeting in Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 20.—Two important matters affecting the operation of railroads and protection of their employees from accident will be considered by the railway commission at their sitting in Ottawa on May 2.

ARCHBISHOP AS A WAITER

Assisted in Time-Honored Ceremony—Wore White Apron.

Montreal, April 20.—To be waited on at the table by no less a personage than an archbishop was the experience of three hundred young men at the noon-day meal yesterday in the Grand Seminary, Sherbrooke street. The guests for the occasion were the students in the Theological faculty of Laval University, and the waiters were Archbishop Bruchési, the Dean of the faculty, and the professors.

METHODISTS ABSORB THE EVANGELICALS

Leaders of Methodist Church in Attendance at Conference of Evangelical Association—Union Has Been Agreed Upon—6,000 Members in Canada.

Toronto, April 21.—Several leaders of the Methodist Church are in attendance at the annual conference of the Evangelical Association at Zurich today to consummate the union which has practically been agreed upon by the two bodies. It is estimated there are 6,000 Evangelicals in Canada. While the membership has declined somewhat in Ontario it has increased considerably in the west, due to immigration.

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MILLERS TO OPPOSE PROTEST AGAINST FREE LIST TO UNITED STATES

Chicago, April 20.—Members of the National Millers Federation oppose free list proposals of Canada as provided in the reciprocity trade agreement. They devise means for opposing the measure. A notice was sent by the secretary of the federation to attend the meeting at Niagara Falls, to advise its provisions are available," said Secretary A. The millers oppose free list proposals because the cost of manufacture in Canada than here. We and much of the manufacture of water power.

CROMWELL'S SKULL HAS BEEN IN POSSESSION OF MAN'S FAMILY FOR 60 YEARS

London, April 17.—The head of Oliver Cromwell, which was discovered at a meeting of the Geological Society at the House, Rev. H. R. Wood, who said that the head had been in his family for three generations, and that he had never been exhibited in public. The tradition was that the skull was blown out of Westminster and was picked up by a sentry, and only confessed to be his by the house-keeper. It passed into the hands of the Cambridge scholar Russell and came to Cromwell's son.

GERMANY IS BEHIND KAISER'S GOVERNMENT'S GARDENING

Madrid, April 19.—In circles here it is stated that having learned the importance of the horticultural interests of the Kaiser, the "Heraldo de Madrid" generally considered to be a reliable source of information.

BUYING WATERFRONT HUMORS CURRENT IN FORT WILLIAM

Fort William, Ont., April 19.—Humors are current in the city and lake lines have been three thousand feet of water on the Administration. Messrs Young and Way property in question the waterfront acting for the boundary of the city. Mr. James Crawford, who is said to be worth over \$600,000 in this district, is available as a witness in the case. The waterfront is in the hands of the transcontinental railway company. This means the waterfront is in the hands of the transcontinental railway company.

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