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## ON THE FIRING LINE

**Pulsebeats of the Warriors Shown by Tongue and Pen From Ocean to Ocean in Canada's Greatest Conflict.**

**There is something appealing in the oft-repeated warning that reciprocity means annexation. It catches some people for the peculiar reason that it is an appeal to the vainest and at the same time the basest instincts of the human mind. Knowing one's own loyalty to be beyond suspicion, it is flattering to some people to think that they are better than some other people—not named nor known. There is great captivation in the "I am holier than thou" feeling, but it is a base feeling. What do you think of those who foster it and appeal to it? Even British Tory papers are more just to the people of Canada.**

BRITISH TORY VIEW.

(London Times, Conservative).

The electors have to decide whether in extending the facilities for trade with the United States they will jeopardize their own industrial development or also create permanent interests that must ultimately weaken their connection with the Mother Country. This is a plain issue upon which the judgment as well as the patriotism of Canadians may safely be left to express an unmistakable opinion. There is only one factor that can disturb this judgment, and that is the Nationalist party led by Mr. Bourassa. One thing this party fears more than reciprocity with the United States, and that is a policy which brings Canada closer to the Empire. On that account we regret that the fortunes of the Conservative party should even temporarily be linked with those of Mr. Bourassa.

BRITAIN TRUSTS CANADA.

(London Standard, Con.).

Although, however, these matters are not likely to be lost sight of during the coming struggle, there is little doubt that, as our Ottawa correspondent prophesies, Reciprocity will be the absorbing issue. And people in this country will not be unwilling to trust to the good sense and patriotism of Canadians to settle it once and for all in a way conducive to the interests alike of themselves and of the Empire. We must not omit to record with satisfaction Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reiteration of former assurances that the "proud principle of British Preference" still dominates Canada's fiscal policy, which, he asserts, would in no degree be impaired by reciprocity with the United States.

GET THE PRICES RIGHT.

(Calgary Albertan).

British Columbia people will buy Alberta produce under reciprocity if they get it at the same price they get it from elsewhere. One would think to read the Bennett organ-grinder's effusions that the people of British Columbia would buy from Washington just for the pleasure of turning Alberta down. Don't you believe it.

JUST A CHILD WAIL.

(Boston Congregationalist).

To hear the Canadian Opposition, in its argument against reciprocity, crying "Annexation! Annexation!" reminds one of a child crying in the night and with no argument but a cry.

CONSISTENCY.

(Calgary Albertan.)

"Oh! God, those American dollars," screeches the Borden candidate, while the high tariff manipulators of his party go to New York to get a barrel of the same kind of dollars to help defeat reciprocity.

### POLITICAL STRAWS

**Mr. Barnard has also become "frank and candid." He admits that in the campaign of 1908 he had no hope of the Conservative party being returned to power. This confession is hardly in line with the campaign utterances of the ex-member. Still the people will accept the confession and let that feature of the past be forgotten. But Mr. Barnard says the conditions are different in this election and that he really believes the Conservatives have a chance. We can, however, assure Mr. Barnard that as a prophet he is not likely to have honors showered upon him. The Times is in possession of facts which prove that the Liberal victory of 1911 is going to be very much more decisive than the triumph of 1908. In the East Conservative after Conservative, some of them candidates for election, are declaring themselves in favor of reciprocity. In the province of Nova Scotia one local election has been held already in which reciprocity was the only issue, and it resulted in the election of the advocate of freer trade and reduced taxation by a majority of 758. This is the surest indication of the trend of feeling in Nova Scotia and bears out the contention of the Times that the political remains of the Conservative leader himself will be found among the ruins on the 21st of September.**

## FIGHT WITH THREE HOUSEBREAKERS

### WINNIPEG POLICEMAN MAY DIE FROM WOUNDS

Young Civilian Assists Officers in Capture of Two of Desperadoes

Winnipeg, Aug. 24. — Constable Trainor was shot through the lungs and Constable Brown was fired on 15 times but not hit by three housebreakers, whom the officers were trying to arrest in Elmwood and North Winnipeg yesterday afternoon. The housebreakers are now in the cells.

The police were notified that housebreakers were at work about 3 o'clock, and Constable Trainor on his motor cycle set out for Elmwood, unarmed. He was informed that the men had gone to the segregated district and located them at a house in Rachelle street. He was refused admittance, and on going to the rear door was shot in the lungs and laid out. Constable Brown, who had been sent to his assistance, set off after the men as they left the house and all of them opened fire on him in the street, and of fifteen shots in his direction only one came near hitting him, cutting a hole in the leg of his trousers. He followed them persistently, and with another officer succeeded in cornering the trio in Euclid street.

The entire neighborhood was terrorized, and the streets were cleared of foot and vehicular traffic in a twinkling after the shooting was first heard.

The final capture of two of the desperadoes was due to the presence of mind and courage of a youthful civilian. The fugitives held up a trolley car on Euclid avenue, but the civilian hearing the police whistle and seeing the fugitives urging the motorman to hasten, pulled off the trolley. The men then backed out of the car, covering the passengers and crew and commandeered a horse and buggy driving by. The same youthful civilian grabbed the horse's head and ducked a fusilade of bullets of the desperadoes, thus delaying them until the police arrived and effected their capture. Two of the men gave their names as Harry Kelly and Frank Jones, both of Minneapolis.

Constable Trainor may die. A dramatic feature in connection with the affair is the fact that Constable Trainor was suspended a couple of weeks ago because he did not give chase to highwaymen who fired on him and another policeman on Allen street. Winnipeg police do not carry guns in the day time, and in the chase he was armed with only bludgeons to oppose the automatic pistols of the yeggemen.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

Ontario, Cal., Aug. 24.—Douglas Clark, aged 17, and Everett Davenport, aged 9, were burned to death last night when the Clark residence burned to the ground shortly before midnight.

The house burst into flames at midnight and so rapid was the spread of the blaze that by the time an alarm had been turned in, the building was burned almost to the ground. Mrs. James Clark, mother of Douglas and grandmother of the Davenport boy, was roused by her sister, Mrs. Frank Clark, who lived next door. The latter was badly burned in the attempt to arouse the household and her sister was seriously burned and fatally injured by jumping from the second storey window.

The boys were sleeping in an upper room and it is believed suffocated in their bed.

THIRTY RESCUED.

Perim, Arabia, Aug. 24.—The British steamer Warwickshire, passing here to-day, signalled that all of the thirty passengers and crew who were missing from the steamer Fifeshire when she was wrecked at the entrance to the Gulf of Eden two weeks ago, have been rescued.

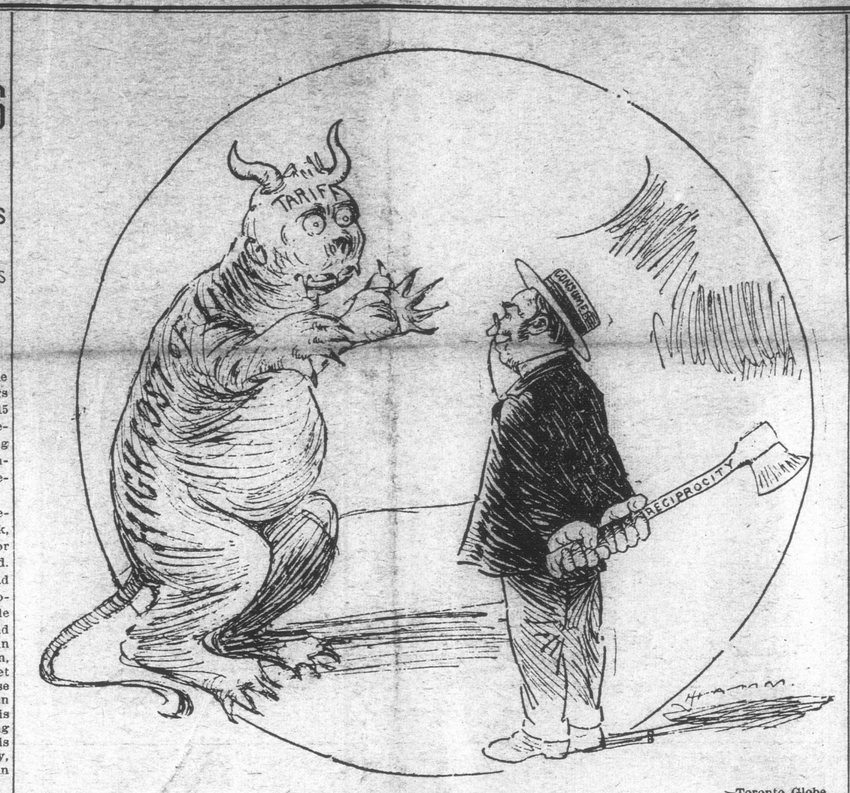
FIGHT OVER CAR FARES.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 24.—The county authorities took a hand to-day in the trouble between the residents of Rainier Valley and the Seattle, Renton & Southern Railway over the collection of second fares at Kenyon street and the refusal of the company to issue transfers good on a competing line, by arresting James Blackwell, chief engineer of the road; George Hartung, superintendent; Park Shelton, a conductor; and Sam Wallace, said to be a "bouncer," on a charge of violating the public service law.

This law makes it a misdemeanor for any employee of a street railway to demand a fare exceeding five cents for a single ride within the corporate limits of any city. The warrants were issued by the prosecuting attorney on request of the attorney for the residents of the affected district.

NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT RESIGNS.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 24.—An unconfirmed report reached here to-day from Bluefields that President Adolfo Diaz had relinquished the presidency of Nicaragua to his minister of war, General Louis Mena. Diaz is said to have left Managua, the capital, for Bluefields, where he expected to meet former President Juan Estrada.




—Toronto Globe.

**READY FOR HIM!**

THE OGRE—Booh!
THE MAN WITH THE AXE—Booh yourself!

## RUTHERFORD MAY RETIRE FROM RACE

### HON. F. OLIVER DENIES OPPOSITION STORY

Ex-Premier Not Offered Judgship to Withdraw From Edmonton

Edmonton, Aug. 24.—Hon. F. Oliver held an enthusiastic meeting last night in the committee room. The minister and a number of local workers spoke. Mr. Oliver gave emphatic denial to the story published in the morning paper that Mr. Rutherford had been offered a judgeship to retire. "Mr. Rutherford has the same right as any other citizen to offer himself as a candidate, and I have no wish to prevent him," said the minister.

The first of the campaign meetings of the ex-premier was advertised for last night, but was called off, the reason given being that Mr. Rutherford was suffering from tonsilitis. There are persistent rumors that he will retire, but no one in authority will make a definite statement.

Duncan, Aug. 24.—At the Conservative convention here yesterday Frank S. Shepherd, of Nanaimo, was unanimously nominated as the Conservative standard bearer to oppose Ralph Smith in the Nanaimo district.

Montreal, Aug. 24.—The Liberals of Drummond-Athabasca have nominated Mr. Brouillard to oppose A. Gilbert, who is again in the field, this time as an indepedent candidate.

Tanorede Mareil, one of the younger men of the Bourassa wing of the opposition, was nominated yesterday to oppose J. Marcil for the County of Bagot.

A. Gellezare, notary, was to-day nominated Conservative candidate for Maskincage county.

Mr. Oliver Asselin last night received the Conservative nomination in St. James to oppose Alderman L. A. Lapointe, who was chosen as candidate by the Liberal convention.

Brockville, Aug 24.—The Liberals of Leeds in convention to-day at Delta selected Firman Cross, of Lansdowne, to oppose George Taylor.

Quebec, Aug. 24.—The Liberal convention at Jeune Lorette to-day nominated J. E. Caoette.

BIRTH RATE DECREASES.

Montreal, Aug. 24.—There was a slight increase in Montreal's death rate last year and a falling off in the birth rate, according to the annual report of the civic health department. For births the decrease amounts to 0.70 per thousand. Marriages were augmented by 0.56 per 1,000. De ths f r 1910 numbered 10,221, or 22.40 per 1,000, as compared with 22.03 per 1,000 for the year previous. The births numbered 16,616, or 36.45 per 1,000, as compared with 37.15 for the year preceding, and the record for marriages showed that they numbered 4,386, or 9.63 per 1,000 inhabitants, as compared with 9.06 for the year before.

## THREE LOSE THEIR LIVES IN FIRE

### FLAMES DESTROY HOUSE AT PORT ARTHUR

Two Children Escape by Jumping From Windows of Burning Dwelling

Port Arthur, Ont., Aug. 24.—Trapped on the upper floor of their little home on Chamberlain street, on the outskirts of the city, three children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schmidt were burned to death yesterday morning, while two others narrowly escaped the same fate by jumping from the windows. The fire started from some unknown cause on the second floor while Mrs. Schmidt was engaged in preparing breakfast. When she noticed it she ran to the stairway to call the children, but was met with a wall of flame and smoke that she could not penetrate. Her calling gave the alarm to the other two children who were able to jump from the windows and escape, but the other three probably were suffocated by the smoke. The victims, whose bodies were found in the ruins after the home had been destroyed, were Ella, aged 16, employed in the city telephone central office; Louise, aged 8, and Marion, aged 5. The father was away at work at King's elevator when the fire occurred.

Convent Destroyed.

Thurston, Que., Aug. 24.—Fire destroyed the convent here, entailing a loss of $20,000, out of which $5,000 is covered by insurance. The fire started in the sheds and as there is no fire-fighting apparatus in the village, the bucket brigade could do practically nothing. The burned convent was a three-storey wooden structure put up last June. It was closed for vacation at the time of the fire.

### SOME REASONS FOR RECIPROCITY

**It will lessen the cost of living.**
**It will benefit the consumer.**
**It will give a larger market for farm produce.**
**It will increase the trade of Canada.**
**It will open a market for British Columbia fish.**
**It will make the British Columbia fish industry the greatest in the world.**
**It will benefit the manufacturer through the general impetus to business and not jeopardize the protection he now enjoys.**
**It will give employment to a greater number of men through the general increase of business and the establishment of new industries.**
**It will increase rather than decrease wages through the greater demand for labor.**

**A VOTE FOR TEMPLEMAN MEANS A VOTE FOR RECIPROCITY.**

## PROSPERITY WILL BE INCREASED

### SIR WILFRID SPEAKS ON RECIPROCITY

Jingoes of England and Canada Oppose Freer Trade With United States

Sorel, Que., Aug. 24.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at his meeting here yesterday, made it quite clear that the Liberal candidate, Arthur Cardin, had the unequivocal support of the government. Five thousand people attended the meeting, which was marked by great enthusiasm, the prime minister being frequently cheer.

Sir Wilfrid alluded to Canada's prosperity and the reason why Canadians should feel proud of it and their country, but the Liberals had a policy which would augment still further the country's prosperity, that of reciprocity with the United States. The opposition until February last had favored reciprocity, but now they had changed their coats and cried, "Let well enough alone," a cry that was very flattering to the Liberal administration.

"We would be better still with reciprocity," he said. "Hay sells at $13 a ton in Montreal and in Boston at $20 a ton. You have a fine hay crop in Richelieu. If you send it to Boston and sell it for $20 you will pay $3 of $4 freight and $4 customs, but remove the $4 duty and you reap a greater benefit."

Sir Wilfrid said all parties favored reciprocity. Suddenly the opposition had changed their attitude. Some believed the manufacturers had caused their change. "I never believed this," he said. "Reciprocity does not hurt the manufacturers. It is in their interests for the farmers to be rich. When the farmers are rich, all are rich. It was not the manufacturers who opposed this policy. It was the jingoes of England and Canada."

FRANCE'S REPLY TO GERMANY.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The maximum terms which France will offer to Germany for the settlement of the Morroccan dispute will be submitted to the full cabinet for approval to-morrow. Meantime they are held in complete secrecy.

The terms have been prepared by Premier Caillaux; M. de Selves, minister of foreign affairs; M. Lebrun, minister of colonies, and Jules Cambon, the French ambassador to Germany.

NEW PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL.

Lisbon, Aug. 24.—The constituent assembly to-day elected Senor Arriaga president of the republic by 121 votes.

Senor Arriaga will assume the duties now resting upon Theophile Braga, who was made provisional president when the republic was proclaimed on October 5, 1910, following the overthrow of King Manuel.

## BIG BOODLE FUND FOR ANTI-RECIPROCITY FIGHT

### Protected Interests Contribute Freely in Hope of Defeating Pact Which Will Reduce Cost of Living in Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 23.—Having failed in their attack on reciprocity in Congress, the Big Interests and Trusts of the United States are now concentrating their fire upon the hosts of the freer traders in Canada. They are evidently determined to fight "to the last ditch" for the privilege of enslaving and despoiling the people The marauders realize that if they can carry the ramparts in Canada the results would be just the same as if they had succeeded in thwarting the will of the people in the United States, as in the event of the defeat of the Liberal government the reciprocity pact would fall to the ground. Hence the organization has transferred its base of operations from Washington to Montreal, and with a tremendous boodle fund at its disposal is actively at work manufacturing dispatches and sending them to Conservative newspapers in all parts of Canada predicting ruin and desolation should reciprocity be adopted by the electorate.

As an indication of the sources from which this organization is drawing its supplies and its inspiration, the following appears in an American newspaper:

A big international boodle fund is being raised to-day to beat the reciprocity bill.

Great Britain, Canada and the United States will figure in the three-cornered last desperate effort to encompass this end. From the United States will come a big contribution from the Lumber and Paper trusts.

The protected interests of Canada will contribute a big slice, while the tariff reformers of England, those who are behind the propaganda to put the mother country on a protective tariff basis, will swing in with their share of the golden motive power.

Information received by members of the Liberal party is to the effect that from England alone there is already half a million dollars on the way. Accompanying it is a series of English posters that have been used in the campaign there against the movement to make the enormously wealthy peers bear a just share of the taxation. The rich Tories see in the reciprocity movement not so much a blow at the British preferential as a manifestation of general tendency against the ruling classes.

The motives of the Paper and Lumber trusts in the States are easy to understand, while the animosity of the manufacturers of Canada to any movement for lower tariff is easily appreciated. Five million dollars is declared to be already in sight of the anti-reciprocity fund, and as much more as may be necessary will be forthcoming at the proper time.

FRISCO'S MARINE NEWS.

Ships Chartered to Load Wheat and Lumber—Dartwood Reaches Golden Gate.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 24.—The barque Torrisdale has just been chartered to load wheat at Portland for the United Kingdom at 29s, by G. W. McNear. She is taking on ballast and will sail for the north next week.

The British barque Inverlogie, due at Callao, from Antwerp, has been chartered to load wheat at Portland or Tacoma for the United Kingdom at 28s 1½d.

The Norwegian barque Catharina, a small vessel of 989 tons, has been chartered by Heatley & Company to load lumber on the Sound or the Columbia river for South Africa at 66s 3d, with the option of going to the United Kingdom at 62s 6d. She will come north from the west coast of South America.

The British steamer Silver Birch left Tuesday from Norfolk for the Puget Sound navy yard with coal for the government, making the eighth vessel so far chartered for that business by the government. Five out of the eight are already en route. The Silver Birch was formerly the British steamer Wearmouth.

The British ship Dartwood, which plies as a marchantman as well as a training ship, has arrived here after a passage of 84 days from Newcastle, Australia. She brought 1,750 tons of coal consigned to J. J. Moore & Co. Capt. McDonald reported an uneventful passage. On board the Dartwood are 34 boys who are learning things from the ground up in the seafaring game. The vessel is owned and its purpose maintained by the Union Steamship Company, which uses this method for perfecting young men in the art of navigation so that they will be eligible for positions on the 75 vessels comprising the Union fleet.

The British ship Poltalloch, at Newcastle, Australia, loading coal for this port, for account of Hind, Rolph & Co., has been chartered by J. J. Moore & Co., to load lumber on the Sound or the Columbia river for direct port in South Africa at private terms.

The British ship Dartwood, which arrived from Newcastle Saturday with coal, has been chartered by Davis & Fehon to load lumber at Eureka for Sydney, also at private terms.

The ship W. F. Babcock arrived from Newcastle Monday morning after a slow voyage of 103 days. She brought 2,066 tons of coal for Hind, Rolph & Co. The Babcock has no outward charter as yet. She is one of the two vessels left of the California Shipping Company's large fleet.

The British barque Calcutta of the Standard Oil fleet, arrived in ballast from Yokohama to load a return cargo of refined oil.

The Kosmos liner Osiris arrived Monday from Hamburg and will continue on the Sound at the end of the week.

The British steamer Bannockburn, here from Antwerp, is under charter to G. W. McNear to load lumber on the Sound for Sydney. On the way out she went ashore at Dover and considerable of her cargo was damaged, on which a general average will be necessary.

KILLED IN HOTEL FIRE.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Aug. 24.—One person is dead, two are fatally hurt, and the Chancellor hotel is damaged to the extent of $50,000 as the result of a fire which started on the seventh floor of the hotel here and spread so rapidly that for a time the entire business section was endangered. Joseph Hall, a colored boy, was killed and Mrs. Ball, also colored, and Roy Dews, aged 12, were fatally hurt by falling walls.

CLEARANCE ASSOCIATION.

Reports Submitted by Shippers Show Last Year's Crop Was Under Estimated.

Winnipeg, Aug., 24—Directors of the Lake Shippers' Clearance Association held their annual meeting here for the purpose of electing a new executive and hearing the financial report of the secretary. The association was organized two years ago for the purpose of facilitating the handling and shipping of grain from the head of the Great Lakes at Fort William. The head offices of the association are in Winnipeg with a branch at Fort William. The following board was elected: President, John Fleming; Secretary, A. C. Ruttan; treasurer, A. K. Godfrey; directors, C Tilt, H. N. Baird and F. W. Young.

The report shows that last year 82,065,629 bushels of grain were loaded as against 74,440,421 the previous year, and of 711 cargoes loaded, 375 were loaded at one house, 17 at two houses, 120 at three and 40 sample cargoes. These figures demonstrate several things, one of which is that the crop of 1910 was very much underestimated and also that the association has shown its ability to handle any kind of crop.

WINNIPEG RAILWAY DEAL.

Conferences Between Owners and Members of the City Council.

Winnipeg, Aug. 24.—Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann held lengthy conferences with the city council this morning touching on the purchase of the interests of the electric street railway company by the city for $4,000,000. Two questions seem to be holding the parties apart. Mackenzie & Mann want the city to agree, before an audit is made, that if the investigation by independent experts show the stock is paying a five per cent dividend on a valuation of $250 per share, the city will bind itself to submit a by-law of purchase to the people and also they do not want to sell the suburban lines.

The city will not purchase without the suburban lines and they want a dividend to be shown of 7 per cent on stock valuation of $250.

While the conference was secret, it was declared at the conclusion that terms had been partially agreed upon. An audit will be made and a by-law submitted if the dividend of six per cent. is warranted and the suburban lines will be included, in fact everything the company owns.

CODFISH RECORD.

Anacortes, Wash., Aug. 24. — The schooner Joseph Russ, with Captain Foss and her crew of forty men, came into port yesterday, and she might have carried a broom at her masthead, for she now holds the codfishing record both for number of fish caught and for the shortness of the time required.

The Russ brought to the Robinson Fisheries Company 204,000 codfish. The "top liner" of the crew, Samuel Austin, has 16,750 to his credit, and James Moore, his nearest competitor, 12,500. The average weight of the fish is six and three-quarter pound.

The men all made money and feel rich.

SUGAR GOES UP.

New York, Aug. 24.—All grades of refined sugar were advanced ten cents a hundred pounds yesterday.