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The Prospects of Reciprocity.

The Gloucester fishermen are up in arms against a renewal of any treaty that will admit Canadian catches to American ports. But we cannot help thinking that the arguments they use will be far more likely to act against themselves than to do any good. Their complaint is that they want protection, and they declare to Congress that "every treaty and every commission have sacrificed their fisheries, until the only protection left them is the duties on salt and pickled fish, leaving their immense market for fresh or ice-d fish open, duty free, to Canadian competition, and that Canada gives them no equivalent whatever." At the same time, however, they adduce figures to show the value of their fisheries which appear, now, from their statement of investments, to amount to \$38,000,000, while the annual product there is over \$40,000,000, and there are 131,426 men employed in the work. We fail to perceive, from these figures, how they require any more protection, nor how a renewal of the Washington Treaty would prejudicially affect their interests. If the value of their fisheries has so enormously increased within the past twelve years, can it be reasonably expected that it would decrease under any other agreement which is likely to be made. That they are moving heaven and earth to prevent the negotiation of a new treaty is a fact, but wait till the mackerel strikes in shore again.

The negotiation of a treaty whereby the natural products of the Dominion would be admitted, duty free, into the United States would be a boon to our people. There was no time at which the Island prospered so greatly as during the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854-66, but since then, it must be remembered that our conditions have greatly changed. We are now members of a vast country, which has largely developed its manufactures, and we cannot afford to have them ruined by the admission of American goods of which there always exists a large overstock. It is the history of every country that it must protect its own manufactures. Even England, the prize Free Trade country, is beginning to find this out. The success of the adjoining Republic may be, in a very large measure, attributed to the protection that she has afforded her manufactures.

What this Island chiefly requires in the way of Reciprocity is the free export of fish, potatoes and horses to the United States. How we shall obtain it, and what we shall give in return, are matters which only a Commission can determine. That Sir John Macdonald is using his best endeavors while in England to secure the passage of such a treaty as shall not only be favorable to us, but to the whole of Canada, there can be no doubt. We trust that his efforts may be successful, and that before very long, we shall be enjoying the benefit of a Reciprocal Trade Treaty with our neighbors over the border.

The Rev. Dr. McDonald, V. G.

One of our oldest and most revered priests, the Very Reverend Daniel McDonald, Doctor of Divinity and Vicar General, died on the 22nd of the same month he was beguiled by the Venerable and Right Reverend Bishop McEachern. His father, Allan McDonald, was a native of Midloth, Scotland, and his mother, Catherine McMillan, was of the same family. Both branches of his family were among the early Scotch settlers of our Province, having emigrated in 1772.

Daniel McDonald was advanced in years ere he began his studies for the sacred ministry. In 1841 he entered St. Andrew's College, and after studying there for three years, he repaired to Rome, where he spent seven years in the study of Theology, Philosophy, History, Canon Law and Theology. At the completion of the course he passed a very successful examination, receiving the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1848 he received the tonsure and Minor Orders. On the 2nd of February, 1854, he was promoted to the Sub-Diaconate, and on the 4th of the same month, and on Sunday the 5th he was solemnly ordained Priest by His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto.

His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, in the Diocese of St. John, had the honor to be visited by the Rev. Dr. McDonald in the month of June, 1854. He was then in the prime of his life, and his health was such that he was able to perform his duties with the most perfect efficiency. He was a man of a most amiable and social disposition, and his conversation was always interesting and instructive. He was a man of a most amiable and social disposition, and his conversation was always interesting and instructive.

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dening in many fruitful years joyously visited the faithful of this and the surrounding missions, to devoutly gather around his good priest. In order to witness his offering, the boys of the Mass, and listen with pious attention to his announcing the Word of God, his most noble and venerable presence, his joyful carol, assumed a melancholy tone and echoed forth in a sad voice the mournful wail of the woe-wracked of the cherished folk and beloved pastor. It is no more his sweet eloquence that will greet you this morning as it did of old, that might voice is stilled for evermore, that great heart whose every pulse-beat was for the good of the Faithful, now throbs no more; that bright intellect which mastered the difficult questions of sacred science that sound rhetorical declamation which served as a director of souls now belong to another world. To love a friend is always counted a hard trial, and as the priest is the best friend of the people, a priest's death is a heavy loss to his flock. We can only say that the Rev. Dr. McDonald was a man of a most amiable and social disposition, and his conversation was always interesting and instructive.

In 1857 he returned home, and shortly afterwards was assigned missionary duties at Restigo. There he remained but one year, when he was appointed to the pastoral charge of the mission of St. Columba, Restigo, which then included St. Margaret's and Souris. He continued on that mission for nine years, during which time he built the Church of St. Margaret's, now in charge of his nephew, Rev. Gregory McDonald. In 1861 Dr. McDonald was named senior priest of St. Dunstan's Cathedral, and Vicar General of the Diocese. For seventeen years he labored in this city, endeavoring himself to his flock, and gaining the friendship of all classes and creeds in the community. His duties were most onerous, and at times he was assisted by a kindly but to attend to the numerous calls on his time.

In 1874 he visited Europe, and contributed a series of interesting letters to the HERALD of that date, giving a graphic account of his tour. In 1878 he removed to St. Dunstan's College, where he taught the English literature and Philosophy for three years. In 1881 he resumed missionary work, and was associated with his nephew, Rev. Charles McDonald, in the pastoral charge of Georgetown, Charlottetown and Sturgeon. In 1885 Father Charles was appointed Rector of St. Dunstan's College, and Dr. McDonald was left in sole charge of the two former missions, Sturgeon and Restigo. He continued to do active duty till prostrated some weeks ago by the fatal illness to which he succumbed.

As a scholar, extensively read in general literature and particularly in the English literature and Philosophy, he was a most amiable and social disposition, and his conversation was always interesting and instructive. He was a man of a most amiable and social disposition, and his conversation was always interesting and instructive. He was a man of a most amiable and social disposition, and his conversation was always interesting and instructive.

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For seventeen years he remained in Charlottetown, laboring incessantly for the welfare of all classes of people. He collected the money for the Protestant Model. He loved, in an especial manner, the poor ones of Jesus Christ, and Catholics of all nationalities still retain kindly and affectionate recollections of Father Dan—so true is it that his people and acquaintances, forgetting, as with his high and dignified and his admirable qualities of mind, thought of him only as the good-father, devoted pastor, and affectionate friend, who the good Father Dan. In 1879 Dr. McDonald retired from Charlottetown, and was appointed pastor of St. Dunstan's College, and after devoting himself to the arduous labors of teaching during three years, he went to Georgetown to assist his nephew, Rev. Charles McDonald, who was then charged with the three parishes, Georgetown, Charlottetown, and Sturgeon. In 1884, the Rev. Father Charles was called away to the direction of St. Dunstan's College. Dr. McDonald undertook the duties of parish priest of Georgetown and Charlottetown. The latter church, which is one of the prettiest little churches in the town, owes much of its beauty to the good taste of the zealous pastor, who took such delight in finishing his work, that he had no time to devote to his own health, and he died, as he had foreseen, of a heart attack, which he had contracted while he was in the city. He was a man of a most amiable and social disposition, and his conversation was always interesting and instructive.

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More Grit Election. Another evidence of the great Grit reaction which is fast now alighted by that party to be convincing the Dominion, is afforded by the triumphant re-election of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries last night. Mr. Foster is a young Parliamentarian and an energetic man, and it was with not a few misgivings that his elevation to the very important portfolio which now he fills, was viewed by many of his opponents. Mr. Foster is a young man, and it was with not a few misgivings that his elevation to the very important portfolio which now he fills, was viewed by many of his opponents.

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