

BORDEN DODGES THE REAL ISSUE

At Toronto Meeting Leaves Economical Side of Pact Alone.

USES SAME OLD BOGY

Declares Reciprocity Means Political Absorption by the United States.

Toronto, Aug. 24.—Tory enthusiasm bubbled over last night. Aroused to wild outbursts by appeals which, if short on logic, were not lacking in effectiveness, four thousand Conservatives cheered themselves hoarse at the great rally held in Massey Hall to hear Mr. R. L. Borden. The immense auditorium was crowded by an audience that sat ready to break into cheers at any time, and the Conservative leader was greeted by a demonstration that continued for several minutes.

Mr. Borden was supported upon the platform by Sir James Whitney, Hon. A. J. Matheson, Hon. Frank Cochrane, and other local Conservative candidates, and scores of men prominent in the party. Mayor Geary presided. The party leader was preceded by several speakers whose successive appeals to sentiment brought the audience to a mood properly responsive to a message and an argument based upon the "higher national considerations" rather than mere economic ones.

Dodges the Issue.
Mr. Borden in his recent tour of Western Ontario made some attempt to justify his opposition to the trade agreement by discussing the pact upon its merits. He had to, for the farmers who went to hear him, wanted cold facts. Last night, however, he left the economical aspect of the issue severely alone and stirred his hearers by predicting commercial and political absorption into the United States should reciprocity go into effect. Ridiculed by sober-thinking men on both sides of the border as it has been, the annexation cry is apparently believed in by some, and Mr. Borden made the most of it. So did his lieutenants, and although eight speakers addressed the audience, only two—Mr. T. W. White, one of the "noble eighteen," and, to a lesser extent, Hon. George E. Foster, attempted to discuss reciprocity as a business question.

The conservative leader has given Hon. George E. Foster a certificate of character—written by someone else. At the close of his address he took up the request by the Globe of yesterday for a statement respecting his attitude toward the candidature of the ex-finance minister. From the start he resorted to ridicule, declaring that there were no "serifs" in the Conservative party, and that no one had a right to dictate to the men who had nominated Mr. Foster. He thought the Globe should send one of its editorial men to oppose the ex-minister. Mr. Borden made no comment upon the paper's verdict, save to say that the charges made against Mr. Foster by the editor of The Globe as justified. He did not state his own faith in that gentleman, but he had the word of a Conservative minister who had served under Mr. Foster while he was a minister of the crown, to the effect that Mr. Foster had shown a "scrupulous regard for duty, a scrupulous regard for public interest, and a scrupulous regard for the honor of his department, and that no man had a keener or more delicate sense of honor in connection with public matters."

He let it go at that, and Mr. Foster came in turn content, for when his turn came to address the meeting he made no reference to The Globe's article. Mr. White emphasized the importance of the British market and drew in contrast a somewhat gloomy picture of the trade depression in the United States, and warned his hearers that only Canada's final independence of the United States to the south had prevented similar depression here. He declared that Canadian farmers would be placed at a disadvantage by free entry to their home market, and expressed his sympathy with legislation framed to prevent the export of raw materials, such as pulpwood. Mr. White backed up his argument that closer trade relations with the United States would make the Dominion susceptible to trade depression according to line by quoting from an editorial article in The Globe while the last reciprocity treaty was in force, in which it was declared that the trade of Canada was so linked up with that of the United States there could not be a calamity in one country without affecting the prosperity of the other.

This, he said, was like a voice from the dead warning the people against the agreement. When Mayor Geary rose to introduce Hon. Mr. Foster a number of people headed for the exits, but the ex-minister of finance was given a warm welcome. Mr. Foster began his attack on the trade agreement by expressing the conviction that Uncle Sam had allowed himself to be a victim of misplaced confidence and had put himself in a position to receive a rebuff by the rejection of the agreement. He added that he had to the "immortal eighteen," as he called them, and professed to have found evidence that hundreds and thousands were going to follow in their footsteps. Mr. Foster spoke of the importance of the home and British markets. The home market took 80 per cent of the whole and the British market 20 per cent of the remainder. He endeavored to make an argument against the agreement by pointing out that the United States took less than four per cent of the Dominion's output.

FELL BETWEEN CARS

Grand Trunk Man Run Over and Injured at Toronto.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Aug. 24.—About 5 o'clock this morning, Samuel Curtis, a Grand Trunk Railway brakeman, was run over at the Pope Avenue crossing and so badly injured that he died about 9 o'clock at the General Hospital. He fell between the cars of the working train, and the wheels of the following cars ran over his body, mauling him badly. He was married and leaves a widow and two children.

ELEVATOR BURNED

Buffalo, Aug. 24.—For two hours last night practically the entire fire department fought what threatened to be a serious fire among the elevators in the waterfront. The fire started in the Williams elevator at the foot of Washington street. Of old-style construction, the timbered interior offered ready prey to the flames and sent up clouds of sparks which started several smaller fires. The Williams, however, was the only one destroyed. Its original cost was about \$150,000.

GROCERS' SPORTS AT SPRINGBANK

Big Programme Afforded Large Crowd Plenty of Fun.

A CARNIVAL AT NIGHT

Masqueraders Paraded Streets With a Band—Names of the Prize-Winners at Springbank.

The Retail Grocers' Association yesterday entertained a large delegation from Port Huron, and the executive of the Toronto Retail Grocers' Association at Springbank Park. Fully three thousand people were at the park.

Mayor Bell, of Port Huron, and the Port Huron executive went down early and were busy all afternoon in assisting the local committee in running off the sports. The Toronto delegation consisted of Messrs W. C. Miller, R. Davies, R. Matthews, and D. W. Clark, who acted as judges and helped the local committee in every possible way.

Plenty of Fun.
There was plenty of fun for all. There were many races of some of the extremely funny, and other features worth mentioning. The burlesque duet between Uncle Sam and Johnny Bull was a laughable feature, and kept the crowds in roars of laughter. The game of rounders was funny, some of the girls (17) having particularly good make ups. The baseball game between the Port Huron and London grocers was a splendid feature. The visitors had the better of the play, their hitting being particularly timely. Harry Rankin started to twirl for the local grocers, but "Big Six" was not ready for a long game, and retired in favor of Tom Jones. There were many near plays in the game, a double play by Ecclestone being good. Pire caught well for the locals and hit hard. Parker and Rankin formed a fine battery for Port Huron, and to them most of the credit for the victory belongs.

Port Huron Won.
The score was 1 to 5. The Port Huron team was composed of Messrs. Rankin, Parker, Silver, Seamount, Smith, Charlton, W. Smith, Collier and Schuck. The local team was made up of the following: Jack May, Pire, Ecclestone, Young, Langford, Rankin, Paul, James and McKenna. 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