

ways. But as for the Canadian description of advanced Liberal-Conservative, I may say that he is a person who possesses no fixed convictions, and would not know what to do with them if he had them. What he possesses are certain instincts, one to feather his own nest by any means fair or foul, preferably the latter, and another to hive the Grits.

HOWLED ALL THE SAME

Fortunately, Mr. Chairman, we possess a remarkably accurate record of the proceedings of this Demetrius. He seems to have called his brother craftsmen together and addressed them as follows:

Friends, I observe that a certain pestilent Hebrew by the name of Paul has arrived in Ephesus and is preaching to the people that there are no gods made with hands. I do not know and I do not care whether this doctrine of Paul's be true or false, but I do know that if he induces the majority of the people to believe it our craft is in danger. Let us call a mass meeting without delay, and let us accuse this Paul of being a disloyal man and a blasphemer." So said, so done.

A mass meeting was called accordingly, and it is on record that though the most of them knew not for what purpose it was called, they howled all the same until the police magistrate of Ephesus, who seems to have been a person of superior intelligence to some officers of that description of whom we have heard, admonished the meeting that if they did not stop their noise, they would bring the Roman garrison down upon them.

A FORCIBLE PARALLEL

Mark the sequel! Within a year and a day after this same mass meeting, a most flourishing Christian church was established at Ephesus which became in process of time chief of the seven churches of Asia, and within a very few years thereafter, the Roman governor of the province, writing to the reigning Emperor, informed him that about one-third of the inhabitants of Ephesus were professing Christians, and another third would be the same if they dared; but that both of them were very loyal, law-abiding citizens and paid their taxes with great regularity.

Mr. Chairman, I have no doubt, myself, that if this reciprocity agreement passes, within the space of a couple of years or thereabouts, we will have the Duke of Connaught writing to his royal nephew to inform him that the people of Canada have benefited enormously by the reciprocity agreement, that they are one and all contented and prosperous, and that His Majesty had no more loyal subjects from one end of his Dominions to the other.

DIVERSION OF TRADE

Sir, these patriots fear that if reciprocity comes to pass that trade will be turned from Canadian into United States channels. Suppose that if we did not pass it, but that the United States, for their own benefit, allowed our products to be admitted free, (which these gentlemen contend is sure to happen if we take no action). Sir, what will they do about it? Will they put on export duties? They