

Visit to Canton.

Mr. Charlton, M. P., Sees President Elect McKinley.

Reciprocity Talked About—The Member for North Norfolk on the Benefit of Friendly Relations.

(Ottawa Correspondence to Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Mr. John Charlton, whose visit to Mr. McKinley, the President-elect of the United States, has already called forth much comment, was here today, and had an interview with Mr. Laurier. It is supposed that the conference had to do with negotiations for a reciprocal trade arrangement. To-night your correspondent inquired of Mr. Charlton if it was true that he had lately had an interview with Mr. McKinley, the President-elect. "Yes," answered the member for North Norfolk, "I was in Cleveland last week upon business, and being within 50 miles of Canton, I took an early train and went down to pay my respects to the President-elect, and congratulated him upon his election. I assured him that the success of the Republican party afforded a feeling of great relief to the business interests of Canada, and that the progress of the contest had been watched with almost as much interest upon this side of the line as it had been in the United States.

"Did you have anything to say to Mr. McKinley about the relations between the two countries?"

"Yes, incidentally I mentioned that the party now in power in Canada would be favorable to obtaining a reciprocity treaty, and would be willing to give fair consideration and concessions in return for the admission of the natural products of Canada into the American market. Of course Mr. McKinley declined to have anything to say about details, but expressed in general terms his desire to have the relations between the two countries established upon a more intimate and cordial footing.

"Did he impress you with the belief that circumstances would favor the negotiations of a reciprocity treaty?"

"That I can hardly say," replied Mr. Charlton, "many influences will be at work against the consummation of such a project. The Republican senators on the border States will naturally look with disfavor upon the admission of Canadian agricultural products into the markets of the United States, and influential Republican papers, such as the New York Tribune, are already opposing a treaty on that account. We can, however, make an honest effort to obtain it, and should do so; and it is perhaps not unreasonable to hope that some measure of success will attend such an effort, if made."

"You have frequently visited Washington, and have been accused of rather intimate connection with American matters; do you desire to say anything as to the charges frequently made against you of disloyalty to your country at Washington?"

"I have on several occasions remarked Mr. Charlton, 'consenters' six or seven years visited Washington, and have the honor to be acquainted with a number of prominent American public men. I have long believed that a mistake was made by her politicians in not cultivating the acquaintance of their countrymen in Washington, and this was largely made for the purpose of advancing, if possible, the interests of Canada. I may say further that I imagine that these visits have not been entirely barren of results. In 1890 the reduction of the duty on wheat under the McKinley Bill to 21 per cent was made conditional upon the removal of the export duties on logs by Canada, and this was largely, if not entirely, due to my efforts in connection with that matter. I had

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