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Reciprocity.

There is possibly no question in which the people of this island take a deeper interest than in that of Reciprocity with the United States. No matter what subject may be engaging their attention at the time, all are thrown aside as of secondary importance at the mere whisper of "Reciprocity." Nor is the reason far to seek. Reciprocity with the United States means money in the farmers' and fishermen's pockets—it means the removal of those duties which at present restrict our exports in that country, and which Canadians have come to learn is paid by themselves as producers, instead of by the Americans as consumers, to the amount of some five millions of dollars annually. So far as we, in this island are concerned, the American people are our natural customers—it is to them that we have been in the habit of selling almost everything we raise, but right upon the threshold we encounter a hostile tariff—15 cents per bushel of potatoes, 20 cents per bushel of corn, 22 cents per bushel of wheat, 10 cents per bushel of apples, and so on. This tariff is removed in dealing with our neighbors. But there is no necessity to waste time in setting forth the benefits which would accrue to the Dominion, and to this island in particular, by the resumption of reciprocal trade relations such as prevailed in the twelve years from 1854 to 1866. The generation which enjoyed them has not yet passed away, and it is generally acknowledged, that during that period, this island experienced an era of great prosperity. There are, however, some people inclined to believe, and there have not been wanting unscrupulous politicians to persuade them, that but for the National Policy we would have Reciprocity today with the neighboring Republic. Nothing could be further from the fact. The Treaty of 1854 provided for the free exchange of the natural productions of the two countries, and the Americans were very well satisfied with the arrangement. They had no market for their products of grain, fruit and fish, while their immense population afforded ample markets for all our surplus. Under these considerations, and, as it is said, feelings of sympathy and aid which British subjects were supposed to have extended to the rebels during the civil war, they cancelled the treaty, and have since persistently refused to open negotiations. Now the American people are not generally credited with "stupidity," on the contrary it is allowed that, in a bargain, they can usually get ahead of an Englishman—and they are not likely, at any time, for the sake of spitting an outside party, to sacrifice advantages they may possess, therefore when we find them time and again refusing to entertain proposals for reciprocal trade, it is fair to conclude that they consider their present trade policy the best for their own interests. It is assuredly not the best for us, and the Americans are fully aware of that fact. It was to counteract in some measure the evil effects of their tariff that the National Policy was adopted. It has been only five years in operation—the American tariff is nearly twenty years old—and that to blame the National Policy for the want of Reciprocity is the sheerest nonsense. Besides, on the Dominion Statute Book there is a standing invitation to the United States for Reciprocity, as it is provided that whenever they admit any Canadian productions free of duty, an order-in-council shall issue placing the American production on the free list also. It suits the Grit party admirably, however, to misrepresent the policy of the present administration upon this very important measure, but if the people will only enquire for themselves they will find ample proof that Sir John Macdonald's Government was committed to reciprocal free trade with the United States, and that they are prepared to seize the first opportunity that offers for carrying out their policy in this respect. It may be asked in view of the disinclination on the part of the United States for Reciprocity, what hope have we for its establishment? We have one strong lever which we think can be worked very effectually, and that is the necessity of our fisheries to the United States. Under the fishery clauses of the Treaty of Washington, which came into force on 1st July, 1873, it was provided that in return for the free admission of American fishermen to Canadian waters, the United States would admit free of duty fish-oil and fish, the product of Canadian waters, and would also pay such sum as might be awarded as the value of Canadian over American concessions. As is well known, the sum of five and a half millions of dollars was awarded by the Halifax Commission, and this has been such a source of heart-burning among the American people, that Congress has requested the President to give notice for the abrogation of the fishery clauses from and after 1st July, 1885. On and after that date then American fishermen will not be allowed to fish within three miles of the Canadian shore, nor to transship their catches of fish. Upon these restrictions they affect to look with indifference,

but there is no doubt that their interests will be greatly affected. It is all nonsense for them to say that they can catch all the fish they want outside the three mile limit, because it was proved to the contrary before the Halifax Commission. They have a large amount of capital invested in the fishery industry, and a great number of men are employed in its prosecution, so that they must have some return from it. To them, access to Canadian waters is a necessity. Then why do they terminate the treaty? We can only suppose that their statements were fearful of another large award being given against them as the valuation of the difference between American and Canadian fisheries for a second term of ten years, and that they hoped by imposing the duty of \$2 a barrel upon our fish to obtain some concessions from it. It resolves itself, therefore, into a trial of endurance. Our waters furnish one-third of the total consumption of mackerel in the United States. Can they afford to have their vessels and men employed to do without their fish longer than Canadians can, to pay the duty of \$2 a barrel upon such quantity as they may supply them with? It is here that the value of our fisheries become a valuable factor in the consideration of future trade relations between the two countries. What is the position of the present Dominion Government upon this question? If we are to believe the Grit press, they are opposed to Reciprocity with the United States. But it is a fortunate thing for the people that they have learned to receive Grit utterances with a large share of allowance. To wards the close of the late Session, Mr. J. H. Davies brought the matter to the notice of Parliament, but he took good care to do so in a way that would, if possible, prejudice the Government before the country. He had the whole Session to give notice of his motion, yet he purposely delayed it, so that it put on among the regular notices of motion, it could not possibly be reached before the prorogation. The opportunity that he wished for came on a motion for the House to go into Committee of Supply, when he moved as an amendment, knowing at the same time that the Government had no other resource than to vote it down, that—

"In view of the notice of the termination of the fishery articles of the Treaty of Washington, given by the United States to the British Government, and the consequent expiration, on the 1st July, 1885, of the reciprocal privileges and exemptions of that Treaty, the House of Commons, that steps should be taken, at an early date, by the Government of Canada, with the object of bringing about negotiations for a new and improved treaty, which should be binding on the citizens of Canada and the United States, the reciprocal privileges of fishing and freedom from duties now enjoyed together with additional reciprocal freedom in the trade relations of the two countries, and that the negotiations for such a treaty should be directly represented by some one nominated by the Government."

Sir John Macdonald, in speaking upon the question, said that there was no necessity for elaborate statements to show the value of reciprocal trade or trade of any kind, with the United States—that was admitted, that Canada had done everything she could well do in order to secure that desirable object— attempts were made again and again, but without avail—then why go again on our knees to Washington asking them to enter into a treaty with us? He did not feel it right to say what the course of the Government would be, or what, after due consideration and consultation with Her Majesty's Government, might be done before 1st July, 1885, and he asked the House not to hamper the Government by prematurely stating their anxiety for a renewal of the Treaty with the United States. Such was the language of Sir John Macdonald, assuring the House that the question was receiving the attention of the Government, and asking that their course might not be hampered, yet the Grits immediately made the House vote down a resolution in favor of Reciprocity. It is well that the people should know how much reliance they can place upon Grit politicians. The Opposition press had not done anything to change upon the perjury of the Government in this matter, before their chief organ, the Globe, announced that Sir Charles Tupper was visiting Washington with a view of opening negotiations for a renewal of a Reciprocity Treaty, and that the Opposition were to be congratulated for having driven the Government to this step. We do not know what Sir Charles Tupper's business was in Washington, but we think it not unlikely that it may have included the discussion of a basis of Reciprocity, and we know of no one more competent than Sir Charles to conduct the negotiations on that part of Great Britain and Canada. He has lately secured from the Grit press a character for energy and ability of a kind which specially fits him for making a good bargain, or, it might be called, "driving a clever trade," so that we may consider our interests safe in his hands. Within the last few days comes the intelligence from Washington, that the sub-Committee of the House of Representatives have agreed upon a report relating to Reciprocity, which recommends closer commercial relations with all the States on the American Continent, and that should the Executive see fit to entertain propositions for free commercial intercourse with Canada, such negotiations would be viewed with favor. Whether this report will be adopted by the House remains to be seen, but we have the assurance that the important question of Reciprocity is engaging the attention of our own Government, and that public opinion in the United States is fast tending towards more intimate commercial relations with us.

The Contest in Cumberland.

The Grit Government of Nova Scotia is in danger of losing its head. Mr. Pipes, the local Premier, was nominated, very much, it is said, against his inclinations, on the 30th ult., at a small Grit Convention held at Amherst, as the candidate of his party for the representation of Cumberland County in the Dominion House of Commons. Mr. Pipes is a young man who entertains a rather exalted opinion of his own abilities. He had the temerity, on a former occasion, to enter the field against Sir Charles Tupper in Cumberland, but on the evening of election day the aspiring "limb of the law" found himself in a minority of upwards of 900 votes. This overwhelming defeat had the salutary effect of giving a quietus to Mr. Pipes' longing for a seat in the Dominion Commons, so long as Sir Charles remained in the arena of Federal politics. But Mr. Pipes was more fortunate in his endeavors to obtain a seat in the Local Legislature of his Province. By the aid of persistent and systematic misrepresentation of their opponents, and by making promises which have not and never will be fulfilled, the Grits succeeded in achieving a victory at the polls at the last general election in the sister Province of Nova Scotia, and Mr. Pipes floated in on the tidal wave which bore his party onward to place and power. But lacking was the party in material suitable for the formation of a Cabinet, but the choice of leader fell upon Mr. Pipes, a young and untried man, without any Parliamentary experience whatever to guide him in the conduct of public affairs. Mr. Pipes accepted the position of Premier, but he lacked the courage to appeal to his constituents for a renewal of their confidence, hence his failure to accept a portfolio. To compensate for the loss consequent upon this patriot's non-acceptance of an office of emolument, he managed to engineer his appointment on several delegations, at no small expense to the public treasury. But even if no vacancy had occurred in Cumberland, it would appear as if the days of Mr. Pipes' Premiership were numbered. As a political leader he has, as might have been expected, turned out to be a magnificent failure. It is doubtful if his Government has been any improvement whatever upon the contemptible cabal that misruled the destinies of the Province for the few years prior to the election of 1878. The recent resignation of Mr. Fielding, of the *Chronicle*—by far the ablest man in the Government—would seem to indicate an early dissolution of the local Cabinet. It is said that the Premier would soon be forced to follow in the footsteps of his lieutenant. But the evident dislike in which Mr. Pipes views his rival candidates for Cumberland, is not the outcome of a well grounded hope of being permitted to remain at the head of the Local Government of his Province, but it may be ascribed to a dread of impending defeat, and his consequent removal from public life—an event which would not be deplored by many besides Mr. Pipes himself. Mr. Pipes, not wishing to sacrifice his political hopes at this early period of his public career, has not, up to the time of writing, signified his intention of accepting the candidature that is sought to be forced upon him.

The German "Centre" Party.

When the consolidation of the German States and Prussia proper was being brought about, Prince Bismarck affected to believe that the German Catholics, because their spiritual guides would take no part in effecting this consummation, were not in accord with the Emperor and Government. As has since been abundantly proved, the Chancellor's apprehension, whether feigned or not, was entirely groundless. Had not his own iron rule made them restive and unhappy, the German Catholics would most probably have continued to serve Kaiser William with the same loyalty and enthusiastic unanimity that they had shown in the Franco-German war, when he contributed more than a proportionate share to their country's triumph. But Bismarck wished to kill out Catholicism, and in his foolishly directed zeal, he forgot the gratitude he owed for the great services rendered by his adherents—especially the Bavarians—in his hour of need. Everybody knows of the laws by means of which for ten years he persecuted them, and strove to sink the Church in State, i. e. to blot out altogether the Catholic Church as a Church, and everybody knows also that he has signally failed to accomplish his end. He soon found that the State had actually within it an element far more dangerous than he had ever maintained Catholicism to be: he found Socialism spreading its roots all over the Empire. As an emigrant German says,—"Bishops and priests have been fined, imprisoned, or banished for trying, in the way they believed the best, to send souls to Heaven—since they had not the permission of the State so to do; but after this the Government must see to it that Socialism don't bring hell fire upon the people to the place in a manner usually lacking State approbation." The dread of Bismarck at one time was that the "Centre" or Catholic party would combine in the Reichstag with the Socialists. Such an alliance would certainly embarrass the Government, and is desired by the Rad-

als; but Herr Windthorst, the wise and "Ultramontane" leader is too good a Catholic to form a Socialistic or any similar alliance. Guizot says,—"The Catholic Church must be admitted to have often stood forth in favor of law, order, and the rights of society, even where her own interest would be advanced by Revolution," and if he had said, in the last clause, "where her own interests would seem to be advanced at least temporarily by Revolution," his admission would be all that a Catholic could desire. Herr Windthorst is not only a good Catholic and a man of uncommon ability, he has shown himself to be an astute political strategist. In conjunction with the Liberals, he recently opposed the harshest features of the anti-Socialist bill, which had been brought in by the Government. It is true that his amendments were not accepted, but this was because he was here opposed by the Liberals, because they thought that by keeping the bill stringent as it was they would ensure its defeat. Shortly before the vote was taken, when the ultra-Liberals were already boasting of their coming victory, he allowed the members of his party to vote as they themselves thought proper. They did as they knew he wished—they almost all voted for the Government, and this vital bill secured a narrow majority. Bismarck thus made to feel that his tenure of office depends on the "Ultramontane." He himself acknowledged the fact of his having been saved on this occasion by them, when at a reception on the evening following the critical vote, he expressed his deep obligation to Herr Windthorst. The prospects of the "Centre" at the coming elections are much improved by this. They have at length become an acknowledged power, even when they do not act as a phalanx. In the next parliament they will be stronger in numbers and in confidence. Bismarck will adopt the course best for himself—conciliate them by awful commentary on modern liberality, the *Kulturkampf*, will eventually be a thing of the past—perhaps untouched by legislation, perhaps receiving no alteration from present upholders or opponents, but altogether overlooked in the great struggle that is coming between Socialism and German civil authority.

The Water Question.

The *Patrol* has been, and still appears to be, the opponent of water-notwithstanding the fact that its acknowledged editor recently framed one of a committee of citizens who reported favorably upon a scheme having for its object the introduction of a system of Water works. But the gentleman to whom we refer is, at present, absent from the island, and the chair-forded appears to be filled by an individual, who takes advantage of his position, to promulgate views antagonistic to those entertained by Mr. Laird on the Water Question. In view of the offer which has recently been made to supply the city with water, we are admonished that any city newspaper should be so deeply imbued with the spirit of unprogressiveness, as to endeavor to throw "cold water" upon a movement which all who have the true interests of Charlottetown at heart, are making an effort to promote. Here is one of the "guarantees" which our contemporary insists upon the citizens obtaining before giving their assent to the proposed scheme of Water works—"Will this Company supply water at a lower rate per gallon than can be bought for at present?" This is a fair sample of our contemporary reasoning. The idea he enunciates is certainly a brilliant one. Spring Park water costs those who purchase it a half-cent per gallon, and if a Company can be found that will undertake to supply water at a less cost to the consumer than this rate, then we will join the *Patrol* in its anti-Water Crusade.

Editorial Notes.

There have been reports of a rupture between Germany and the Vatican, consequent on the Pope's denunciation of Free Masonry. So far there has not been anything of the kind. Both Emperor William and Prince Bismarck may stand very high among the Masons, but that will not now make them any wise more hostile to Catholicism than they have been. Moreover, Leo XIII. and his predecessors are well known open opponents of Masonry. Germany will ever come to terms with the Vatican, not because her present rulers love the latter, but because they fear it, and need its assistance to avert national disaster.

MARKET PRICES.

Table with columns for various goods and prices. Includes items like Beef (quail), Pork, Butter, Eggs, etc. with prices in dollars and cents.

Voyage Round the World.

Jay Gould favors Arthur. Reinforcements go to Zealand. Boston's city debt is \$48,000,000. Calcutta is scourged with cholera. Dickens died 14 years ago, June 9th. There are 10,000 boy and girl drunks in St. Louis. The Republican convention at Chicago met yesterday. The crop outlook in Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota is favorable. The Boers have crowned Oeteway's son Dinuzulu, King of Zululand. The House of Commons has adjourned to June 5th, and the Lords to the 9th. The United States apple crop of 1884 is expected to be the largest ever known. Great excitement was caused in London by the dynamite explosions of Friday last. There are 81,717 dyspeptic and 17,257,788 cholic communicants in the United States. The Fall River strike has collapsed. The operatives lost sixteen weeks' work and \$250,000 wages. Liverpool has 12,000 Irish voters, out of a total electorate of 63,000. They will run a home candidate. A lad who is thought to be the missing Charles Ross has turned up this time in Quincy, Ill. The first daily paper ever published in London was owned by a woman. Its first issue was in 1792. Sir John James Esnis, M. P., died last week. He was a Liberal and had sat for Atholney since 1868. Edward Wilson, colored, aged 105, died at Philadelphia, Pa. last week. He was father of forty-one children. The Great Eastern will visit New Orleans at the time of the Exhibition, where she will be used as a hotel. The race between Tomer and Conley at Pullman, Ill., on Friday was won by Tomer in 20 minutes, 31 seconds. General M. W. Kiewan, recently of Montreal, has been given an important editorial position on the *New York Times*. There were 177 failures in the United States and Canada last week, a decrease of 55, as compared with the previous week. The Erie Railroad has been postponed on account of rough water until next Saturday, the 17th inst. at 4 o'clock p. m. Several good spots of mackerel were made at Cape and vicinity last week, and a number of vessels have sailed and proceeded on their voyage. Reports from various sections of Ontario say the frost last Wednesday night has done considerable damage to barley, potatoes and fruit. John C. Eno, the abounding New York banker, was arrested at Quebec on board the steamer *Essex*, on Saturday, just before the vessel sailed. It is reported that Col. Middleton has been appointed to succeed General Laird as commander of the Canadian militia, and will sail for Canada in June. James McCabe, of Mars Hill, Me., died recently at the age of 110 years. He had a distinct recollection of events that occurred more than 100 years ago. Accounts from Egypt depict the condition of affairs in Cairo as growing steadily worse. French influence is in the ascendant, and English influence is declining. The Episcopal letter from the Pope was read in all Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Montreal, on Sunday, after high mass. It is chiefly directed against Free Masonry. An explosion of dynamite occurred outside the detective office in Scotland Yard on Friday. The building was badly damaged and several persons were more or less injured. The loss of life among fishermen fishing in the bay since August last reaches a total of 251 men. The loss of the past winter has been 170 widows and 184 fatherless children. The store of A. W. Corbett & Son, Annapolis, N. S., and a dwelling house adjoining were destroyed by fire on Saturday morning. Loss, twenty thousand dollars. Partly insured. There was a family of McDonalds at Vauclay Brook, Gulf Shore, Pictou, known as the McDonalds with six brothers, the eldest of whom died 105 years, and the youngest 98. Up to the 26th ult., fifty-four vessels for the Crown were examined in the trial of promoters for the Harbor Grace discharge. The case was then opened for the defence by Mr. Boscawen in an able address. The recent report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters shows that no fewer than 872 hotels in the United States have been destroyed by fire during the past eight years, an average of 329 yearly. Little Boscawen Cummings, who sued the city railroad company by her mother, for the loss of a leg, by being run over by a motor of the company last September, has been awarded a verdict of \$10,000. The present pool of Atlantic cable companies is organizing for a bitter competition against the Bennett Mackay enterprise. There are four companies in the pool, the French, the Direct, the Anglo and American. Seven of the prisoners in the Tabernacle conspiracy were tried at Siles, and committed on charges of treason, felony and murder. Five others were committed on the charge of treason and felony. The Russian Nihilists have renewed their activity and begun a new campaign of terrorism in the province of Moscow. They have placarded that province and its capital with hundreds of copies of a manifesto carrying a threat of death to the Czar. It is announced that General Gordon is not suffering from a lack of funds, inasmuch as he has drawn heavily on the English treasury. His drafts having been accepted by Lord Granville on the condition that Egypt shall ultimately refund the amounts. Several railway officials lately witnessed an exhibition at Ottawa of the working of Cooke's patent railway switch in conjunction with Baker's switch-alike. The object of the invention is to avoid the danger of trains running off the track when switches have been left open by accident or otherwise. An article appears in the *Fortnightly* written and signed by Sir Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone on English foreign policy. Mr. Gladstone says the period has now arrived when England may, with advantage, study and even reproduce in some of its most characteristic aspects the foreign policy of America. The Rt. Hon. Sir Henry Bartle Edward Frere, Bart., died last Thursday. He was born in 1815. In 1834 he entered the Indian service. In 1847 he succeeded Sir James Outram as British Resident at Satinissioner in Sind. For his eminent services during the Indian mutiny he was created a K. C. B. 1859. He filled the position of Governor of Bombay, Commissioner to Africa to enquire into the slave trade, Governor and Commander-in-chief at the Cape of Good Hope, and many other important offices.

Latest Telegrams.

St. John's, Nfld., May 31. The Newfoundland sailing boat *Confederate*, Captain Thomas Green, of Boston, Green, with a crew of 39 men, was caught in a formidable ice in the North Channel Bay on the 28th April, and thrown completely on the floor. The ship ran over on her side with her yard arms on the ice. On the 29th May five of the crew volunteered to travel a distance of nearly 50 miles, and report on the situation. An attempt was made to land, but the ice was so broken and the vessel was so damaged that it was impossible to do so. The vessel was completely wrecked and the last point of fuel was exhausted. There is no chance of the vessel being saved, and the ship itself is now drifting out to sea, there is danger of the vessel being stove to death. A powerful sailing steamer *Heracles* and arrived here this evening. They report all provisions consumed except bread and the last point of fuel was exhausted. 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