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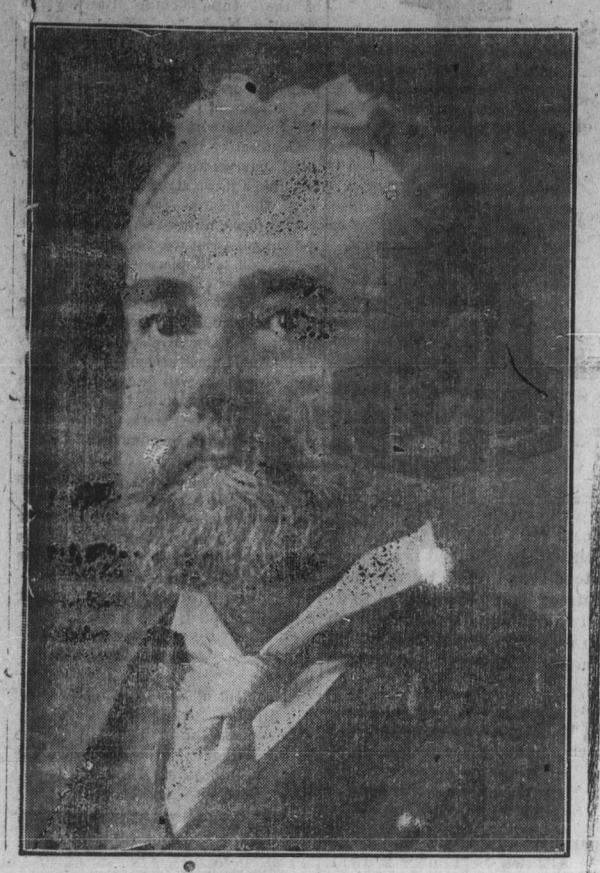
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RIBE TO-DAY

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I do not know what weight you will give to my words but I  
desire to say to you that this arrangement is infinitely better than any  
public man in Canada ever dared to hope could be obtained from the  
U.S.—loud applause.



HON. DR. PUGSLEY.  
President Taft was anxious to have the commercial relations  
between the two countries placed upon a friendly basis as possible  
but opponents say that we ought not to enter upon this arrangement  
because it is an agreement which will be binding and we will not be  
able to put an end to it. Let me ask you to read the agreement, that  
is all we want. We want the people of this country to read it for  
themselves and form their own opinion upon it. If you read it you  
will find the letter which Messrs. Fielding and Patterson wrote to Mr.  
P. C. Knox, Secretary of State for the U. S. "It is distinctly un-  
derstood that we do not attempt to bind for the future the action of  
the U. S. Congress or the Parliament of Canada, but that each of these  
authorities shall be absolutely free to make any change of tariff policy  
or of any other matter covered by the present arrangement that may  
be deemed expedient." So that both countries understand in the  
clearest and distinct manner that if in the course of one, or two, or  
three years the beneficial results which we hope will follow from this  
arrangement will not be experienced, it is open on the one hand to the  
parliament or government of Canada to put an end to this arrange-  
ment without asking the consent of the government of the U. S. and  
on the other hand the government of the U. S. can do likewise.

All we have to do next year or later, if we want to put an end to  
this arrangement, is to clap on the duties again. After a long delib-  
eration in the Congress of the U. S., this arrangement, opposed by  
the great trusts of the U. S., by the representatives of 35,000 farmers,  
by various great interests, after months of argument, this agreement  
has passed the Congress of the U. S., and the President of this great  
country now offers to us what our public men have been hoping for  
for the last 45 years. Are you going to reject it? Accept it. We  
believe it will bring you prosperity. You believe it also, I am sure,  
because you are situated here in a part of this great country, through  
which will flow the lumber and fishing products along their coasts to  
the great markets of the States. Try it, and as I have said, if it  
does not meet your expectations and those of the Government, the  
people of Canada are absolutely free to put an end to it at any time  
they wish to do so.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, we are asking you to vote for Rec-  
iprocity, but in asking you to do that, we also ask you to vote in favor  
of a Government, led by a man, who has given to the people of Can-  
ada, by his administration of affairs, unexampled prosperity. (loud  
prolonged cheers)—in favor of a government, under whose adminis-  
tration, the population of Canada has vastly increased and where  
foreign trade has risen year by year to \$759,000,000,—to give your  
support to a Government, led by a man who is bold, head and  
shoulders above any other public man in Canada, (Applause)—by a  
man, who, upon the different occasions in which he represented this  
country in the Councils of the Empire, has been received by the  
people of England, as one of the greatest statesmen the Empire has  
ever known. (Applause) More than all that, we ask you to give  
your support to a man, who is attacked by men in his own country,  
who are declaring he is too imperial and too English for them and who  
are trying to raise a storm of discord in that section of the country.  
We ask you to give your support to that man because during his  
whole political life, from the very day he became Prime Minister of  
Canada, has exercised an influence for good in this country, which  
he has devoted towards uniting all the different races in Canada into  
one grand Canadian people. We ask you to support a man who  
knows no race, no creed, but simply knows his people as being the  
people of Canada, which he loves so well, (loud applause)—to sup-  
port a man who became Prime Minister of Canada when it was only  
known as one of the colonies of the Empire, but through his adminis-  
tration of affairs, has gone forward by leaps and bounds, taking every  
year a grander position as one of the nations of the Empire, till today  
Canada occupies the proud position of being the greatest of the great  
overseas dominions composing the British Empire, of which it is the  
hope and confident belief of the people of Canada that it will remain  
till time shall be no longer. (Loud applause.)

At the conclusion of Hon. Mr. Pugsley's speech, enthusiastic  
cheers were given for the King, Laurier, Pugsley and Reid and the  
national anthem closed the proceedings.

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RAW MATERIAL FOR THE PROPHETS.

The end of the first week's campaigning finds the Conservatives  
bragging in a most false and inflated fashion, but when the texts from which  
the new book of the prophets has been compiled are examined there  
seems to be a repetition of the conditions of 1908. The Tories of On-  
tario expect a sweeping victory in Quebec, and the Tories of Quebec ex-  
pect a sweeping victory in Ontario. It is always on some distant hori-  
zon that the sun of victory is rising.

It is worth while getting a grip of the essential facts of the polit-  
ical situation as a preliminary to passing judgment on the work of the  
election prophets. The standing of the parties in the House of Com-  
mons at dissolution was as follows—

Ontario—Liberals, 35; Conservatives, 51.  
Quebec—Liberals, 33; Conservatives, 12.  
New Brunswick—Liberals, 11; Conservatives, 2.  
Nova Scotia—Liberals, 12; Conservatives, 6.  
Prince Edward Island—Liberals, 3; Conservatives, 1.  
Manitoba—Liberals, 2; Conservatives, 8.  
British Columbia—Liberals, 2; Conservatives, 5.  
Saskatchewan—Liberals, 6; Conservatives, 1.  
Alberta—Liberals, 4; Conservatives, 3.  
Yukon—Liberals, 1.

This gives the Government a majority of 43. To wipe out this  
majority and bring about political chaos the Conservatives must win  
22 seats. To get enough of a majority to organize the House they  
would need to add 25 to their present representation of 89. This  
would give them 114 members in a House of 221, or six of a majority,  
with the speaker in the chair.

Where are they going to get them? Mr. Fielding recently said  
that on a reciprocity issue there was not a single safe Conservative seat  
in the three Atlantic Provinces. No one who knows anything of the  
situation there expects more than nine Conservatives, the present rep-  
resentation, out of 35 seats. This gives a Liberal majority of seventeen.

In the Provinces west of the Great Lakes there are also 35 seats  
held at present by eighteen Liberals and seventeen Conservatives. Without  
going into details we may express the view that the Liberals  
will hold twenty of these western seats when the contest ends—a ma-  
jority of five.

In Ontario and Quebec, the real fighting ground, the Conserva-  
tives must secure twenty-two more seats than the Liberals to equal the  
latter in the new House. Ask the election prophets to give you a list  
of those probable Tory wins, and watch them try to figure it out.

In Quebec it is probable that the alliance of Monk and Bonin-  
ville will somewhat increase the Conservative strength. The highest esti-  
mate we have seen is that of The Ottawa Citizen; 27 Conservatives and  
Nationalists out of 65 seats. This looks like a rather steep order for  
Monk and Boninville to handle. Here is the Conservative membership  
from Quebec at the various elections since Laurier became leader of the  
Liberal party:—1891, 30; 1896, 16; 1900, 7; 1904, 11; 1908, 11. To jump  
from 11 to 27 would be a good deal of a political revolution. But, con-  
ceding the 27, there would still be a Liberal majority of 11 from Quebec  
to add to the twenty-two from the eastern and western Provinces.

The Conservatives, therefore, at the best, and on their own esti-  
mates, will come into Ontario with an adverse majority of 33. They  
must get 60 out of the 86 seats in this Province to equal the Liberals,  
and 64 before they can organize a Government. Now, what are the  
facts as to Ontario? Even in 1878 the Tories carried only 59 seats—a  
majority of 39. At dissolution the majority was 16. They have among  
their present holding of 51 seats no less than 20 with majorities of less  
than 250. Here is the list—East Algoma, 41; West Algoma, 209; South  
Bruce, 163; East Elgin, 2-7; North Essex, 84; North Grey, 146; Hald-  
mand, 246; Haldimand, 212; East Huron, 83; West Huron, 62; North  
Huron, 6; Lennox and Addington, 154; Lincoln, 246; East Middlesex,  
249; Nipissing, 21; East Northumberland, 196; North Ontario, 200;  
North Simcoe, 51; Centre Toronto, 187; Centre York, 45.

The Liberal seats held by majorities of less than 250 are sixteen  
in number—Brant, 245; Brantford, 205; Brockville, 144; South Grey, 87;  
South Huron, 154; West Kent, 82; West Lambton, 246; North Middle-  
sex, 63; West Middlesex, 157; West Northumberland, 130; South Ont-  
ario, 243; North Oxford, 124; South Oxford, 93; North Perth, 41; South  
Perth, 29.

Let anyone glance over those two lists and who is going to make  
gains in Ontario on September 21. It looks like a pretty safe estimate  
indeed—holding of 51 seats no less than 20 with majorities of less  
than 250. A clear Liberal majority in Ontario is expected by  
some who have proved themselves good prophets in the past.

On the Tories' own figures Laurier and larger markets will win.

All for the Lumberman

In the chorus of entreaty now going up in the anti-rec-  
iprocity press against opening the Canadian market to the  
competition of the timber millions of people south of the bor-  
der it will be observed that there has been no mention of the  
lumber industry. As the gentleman from Michigan would  
say, there's a reason.

Canada's markets are already wide open to lumber, chief-  
ly hardwood and yellow pine, from the United States. It is  
imported duty free because the manufacturers and the house-  
building contractors of Canada need it in their business.  
For the Canadian lumberman reciprocity means no possible  
increase of competition from the south, and a very great in-  
crease of trade by reason of the entire removal of the United  
States duty on Canadian lumber.

There are quite a few lumbermen who have been objecting to  
"jag-handed" free trade. They have urged that the Gov-  
ernment should direct its energies towards getting the United  
States to remove the duty on Canadian lumber in considera-  
tion of the fact that Canada for many years has permitted the  
importation of lumber duty free from the United States.  
Now that the United States has agreed to that very thing they  
should lend their influence to the reciprocity agreement.

For the lumberman the adoption of reciprocity is all gain  
and no loss. The benefit of the renewal of the United States  
duty on Canadian lumber will go in part to the consumer in  
the States in the form of lower prices, and in part to the Can-  
adian lumberman and his employees in the form of higher  
wages and profits.

How important to the Dominion the export of lumber and  
other forest products is can best be gathered from the fact  
that during the past five years the exports of forest products  
from Canada to the United States have been as follows:

1906	\$ 23,585,040
1907 (nine months)	15,397,753
1908	27,470,754
1909	26,421,373
1910	31,835,326

This is a total of \$127,210,246 in four years and nine  
months. Almost all of it had to face heavy duties. During  
the same period the United States sent \$35,770,314 of lumber  
and forest products to Canada. All of it duty free. The prin-  
cipal items on which the United States duties are to be entire-  
ly wiped out are as follows:

Eleven timber, present duty, one-half cent per cubic foot.  
Sawed boards, planks, deals and other lumber not further ad-  
vanced than sawed, of whitewood, sycamore and bass-  
wood, present duty, 50 cents per thousand feet.  
Of other wood, including pine, present duty, \$1.25 per thou-  
sand feet.  
Raving posts, railroad ties, poles of cedar or other wood,  
pickets and palings, present duty, 10 per cent.  
Wooden staves, partially manufactured, present duty, from  
10 to 20 per cent.

The remission of duty by the United States on sawed  
lumber alone, on the basis of the trade of 1910, will be \$1-  
219,970 per year. That is why the lumbermen are largely  
for Laurier and larger markets.—Toronto Globe.

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