

# Reciprocity and the Horse Trade

### Adoption of the Treaty Means a Serious and Perhaps Fatal Blow to an Industry That Has Become of Prime Importance to Toronto and the Province of Ontario.

### Destruction of the Western Market Probable, While the Business Interests of Buffalo and Chicago Will be Greatly Advanced—Points for Consideration by the People and Especially for Those Interested in Live Stock Matters—How the Breeder Will Suffer.

After all this question of reciprocity with our neighbors is not a question of this interest or that interest, but whether it will prove for the good of the whole. In this matter the majority must rule as they do and should in everything else. But when a practical revolution is proposed in a settled policy—in a policy that sweeps the country and a policy that the successors to the originators could not make up their minds to upset—the people have a right to be as directly heard as possible and every interest, directly affected or indirectly affected, has a claim to a voice. In every change it is unavoidable that somebody should be benefited. It is also unavoidable that somebody should be placed at a disadvantage. The question then is—will the country, at large be the better for the proposed change in our policy and attitude towards the United States? Will it increase our prosperity, or will it check it, or will it tend to a reversal?

#### National Aspirations.

In addition, there is the national or imperial side. Will the adoption of the change in policy interfere with our national or imperial aspirations? That is a phase which all the people should be given time to consider, being a matter entirely apart from business or commercial concern. In such circumstances, whether congress approves the treaty or does not, it is to be hoped the people will be given a chance to be heard. It is a matter above party consideration—a matter that should not be decided by the lash of the whip, or by the opinions of individual representatives chosen when the proposition had not been heard or thought of. In short it is a matter that prominently calls either for a referendum or a new general election. Both President Taft and Premier Laurier appear to be disposed to rush the adoption of the treaty through. If they succeed, whether there be bolts from the Liberal or Conservative ranks, or from Democratic or Republican, they will be guilty not only of a subversion of public rights but also of constitutional methods.

Toronto's interests. Probably no city in Canada, not

tion than the United States. The one has many children who are growing into manhood and womanhood, and acquiring that independence which naturally accrues with healthy development. The other, the United States, apart from its recent nominal acquisitions, has long been a unit closely knit. This is an aspect that should be well studied before arriving at a conclusion on a question of momentous and vital importance.

#### Light-Hearted Ambassadors.

Messrs. Fielding and Paterson, who the late Prince Napoleon, his highest aide, went into the negotiations at Washington with a light heart and an apparent determination to accomplish something, their own expectations, they succeeded, but, now comes the fierce glare of public opinion and the fiercer it burns the better for the people and especially for the live stock interests which everything considered have probably the most at stake.

#### BREEDERS AND SELLERS.

Where and How Their Interests are Affected by the Proposed Treaty.

It has been said that Toronto's interests are of the reciprocity matter. It has also been suggested that the live stock trade is vitally concerned. These statements are undoubtedly true. Toronto's interests in recent years especially have wonderfully grown. If free trade is adopted season after season, as proposed, what will the effect be? Will not greater quantities be shipped directly to Chicago and Buffalo, via alien male men, who will pay no more than now if as much and will not the entire north-western and western trade also away? At present Toronto and Ontario generally, do a thriving business in horses with the more distant parts of the country. If the reciprocity treaty passes buyers in a measure will find it equally as advantageous to go to Chicago in one direction, Buffalo in another, and the New England States in a third, as to come to Toronto. Thus a business that liberal enterprise has fostered and developed, may be seriously affected if not entirely destroyed.

#### Trade With the West.

To show the extent of the trade with the west that has been established, it is only necessary to state that the week before last 29 carloads of horses, or at 18 to a car, 522 head, passed through Sudbury and this season nearly 200,000 or more than twenty-five cars per week find their way in the same direction. This means not only the expenditure of much western money for horses, but also for traveling, for supplies and so on. It means more—means the keeping of the nation's business in its own hands. It means the welfare of the whole that may appear a small matter—but it looms up in the effect it will have on vested interests, on importations and breeding.

#### Effect on Breeding.

Systematic and energetic efforts have been made by private parties, regretfully not to the satisfaction of the public, to improve the breed of horses by importations. If the reciprocity treaty goes into effect inferior bred animals will be rushed into the States, and much of the good work that has been done by the keeping of records and the encouragement of breeders to type will be nullified. Progress in fact will be stopped and we shall be almost entirely at the mercy of our neighbors, who will ship their best stock over here. They have been doing this with a tariff in force—how much more will they do it when the road is free and open?

#### Fear of Disease.

A prominent vet. who spent many years in the States, but who is now once more quartered in Canada, in an atmosphere of which country apparently suits him best, on being spoken to as to the effect of the treaty, on the live stock trade, said: "Oh, you have the mallein test, which will prevent disease coming in." He seemed to think disease was the only thing to be feared. Our neighbors have the same test, but an inferior low bred brute can be just as abnormally healthy as the royally bred typical fellow. Health is an important point, but there are such things as stamina, strength and conformation. And if we are to have free importations, we want the safeguard against the deterioration of our stables, our herds and our flocks in other ways than by the rates of health. Breeds that are efficient as it may be as regards tubercular affections, is not altogether as efficient in other directions.

#### A Premium on Bogus Pedigrees.

Free entry will make the work of the national record board at Ottawa ever so much more difficult, if indeed, it is not rendered impossible. The extent of its efficiency, for with no certificate of breeding necessary to secure free entry, not only can bogus pedigrees be forced on buyers, but there will be no extra inducement to register at all except for show purposes. So much for the breeding phase of the situation.

#### Effect on Toronto's Trade.

The buying phase can be disposed of in a few words. Why will the western market be destroyed as far as Toronto and Ontario at large are concerned? Because of the saving of transportation expenses and of time. The duty made the balance even, and as Ontario bred animals can be more relied on western buyers came here. With the duty removed, the market here will be partially destroyed, breeders will lack encouragement, and the trend will be backwards instead of forward. So far as eastern buyers are concerned—expenses to points in the United States are not more than to Toronto and novelty and the prospect of a wider range of choice are bound to have their effect. Besides quantities as well as qualities regulate prices.

#### Leave Well Enough Alone.

Altho there is much difference of opinion abroad as to the advantages or disadvantages that will accrue to the live stock trade if the treaty is adopted, on the whole, it appears we would be better advised to leave well enough alone. Year by year improvement has been manifest in the horse trade, what of the future, watchman, what of the future?

## BUSINESS PAST NO MARKET FOR AND FUTURE PROSPECTS FOREIGNERS IN THE STATES

Business in the Past Week Rather Lighter Than Usual Owing to Recent Storms—Local Market Fairly Good—Sales to Come.

Recent storms have necessarily had some effect on shipments in all directions, but especially north and west. Still there has been something doing and the local market is fairly brisk. There was an undoubted weakening of prices as well as a lessening of demand, which is something first holders should make a note of as indicating the fluctuations and risk. The proposed reciprocity treaty has also had a disturbing effect and as time goes on it may be depended on to have more. One horseman from the Niagara district was heard to say on Saturday: "So Sir Wilfrid told the fruit men they were too late with their representations. How on earth could they protest until they knew? I am a Liberal but I am sorry to say that the Premier has insulted the intelligence of the whole nation. Another thing I want to tell you is that the Americans are capturing the country. Good Day." That will show how serious one horse man at least considers the situation.

#### Sales For the Week.

Monday, Feb. 13, 11 a. m.—At Maher's Horse Exchange, 350 horses, including some extra fine wagons and draughts, and choice carriage and saddle horses.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 11 a. m.—At the Repository, Simcoe-street, 250 horses, including specially a variety of superior delivery horses, heavy and light and expressers; several good roadsters and carriage horses will also be offered.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 11 a. m.—At the Union Horse Exchange, 100 horses, all classes, draughts, expressers, drivers and general purpose horses in particular.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 11 a. m.—At Maher's Horse Exchange, 200 horses, including a choice consignment of workers and drivers.

Friday, Feb. 17, 11 a. m.—At the Repository, Simcoe-street, 300 horses, including some choice consignments of heavy draughts and drivers direct from the farms of Ontario, but well trained to work.

Early in March the big annual sale of carriage, saddle, road horses, matinee and track horses (trotters and pacers) will be held by Messrs. Burns & Sheppard at The Repository, Simcoe-street. Entries are now being received.

On March 7, the annual sale of registered Clydesdales will take place at the Union Horse Exchange, Union Stock Yards. Entries are now being received.

The Vienna Trotting Club is said to have distributed \$425,000 in purses and stakes last year. On three tracks in Austria-Hungary the purses aggregated \$750,000.

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N.B.—Our Annual Speed Sale of Carriage, Saddle and Road Horses, Trotters and Pacers will be held in March, and we are now open to receive entries of good horses of these classes.

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### SOME HARNESS NOTES.

A two-year-old brown gelding by Kentucky Todd, 2.08, dam Alcyone Star, by Queenly, sold for \$75 at the Fasig-Tipton midwinter auction in Madison Square Garden recently. At the same sale, C. S. B. by Ore Wilkes—Annie Stevens, by Kentucky Prince, brought \$25 and Hal Brno, 2.17, by Hal B.—Mincola, by Wildbrino, \$450. Wm. Hammall, of this city, bought Ross Stahl, 2.24, by Biggen—Lens Marshall, by The Corker, for \$425.

Great things are expected of Ping Pong, a two-year-old owned by J. B. Sutherland of Calgary, and by Ping Pong (son of Pactolus, 2.12), dam by Fairburn 1867 (son of Lord Russell); second dam by Esmond, 1828. He has been placed in the hands of Geo. Haas, driver and trainer of General H., 2.04.

Brandon, Man., has chosen May 24-25 for a meeting at which four one thousand dollar stakes will be given, entries for which close March 15.

John E. Madden has posted \$500 on behalf of Soprano, 2.07, to bind a sweepstakes race for \$1000 a corner, open to all trotters excepting Ubian, 1.58, and The Harvester, 2.01. Joan, 2.04, General H., 2.04, owned in Calgary, Alberta, Hallworthy, 2.06, and Fenix Maid, 2.04, are some of the fast ones likely to start. Mr. Madden's terms are mile heats.

three in five, winner to take the entire stake.

Havis James has purchased for R. J. Mackenzie, from J. W. Marshall, Dixon, Cal., the three-year-old colt Zomblick, 2.26, by Zombro, 2.11—Madeline, by Demond, 2.11; grand dam Mamie Comet, 2.23 (dam of two).

D. J. C. STAKES.

Entries For Four of the Most Important T.C. Close on March 1.

Four of the stakes of the Ontario Jockey Club are due to close with the secretary, W. P. Fraser, Imperial Bank Buildings, on Wednesday, March 1, namely, the King's Plate, to be run on the opening day of the spring meeting, May 20, the Breeders' Stake, for three-year-old Dominion-breds, to be run in 1912, the Maple Leaf Stakes, for three-year-old Dominion-bred fillies, also to be run in 1912, and the Stanley Produce Stakes, for three-year-old foals of 1911, to be run in 1914. To the King's Plate, besides his Majesty's fifty guineas, \$4000 is to be added by the club to a stake of \$35, only \$5 of which has to be paid at time of entry. To the Breeders' and Maple Leaf Stakes \$1000 is to be added and to the Stanley Produce \$1000, each being the same as in previous years and each requiring a five-dollar entry fee. Mention of the Stanley Produce is mindful of the fact that Mr. J. E. Scott, whose grave at Erie, Pa., was recently rifled by ghouls, was a liberal subscriber to this stake the year of its inception by the late T. C. Fairbairn, something like twenty years ago.

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