

WORK AT ONCE ON THE DEVELOPEMENTS AT COURTENAY BAY

Three Weeks After Contract Operations Will be Begun by Norton Griffiths & Co.--Managing Director, in City, Declares Confidence in Tremendous Enlargement of Facilities Here

"Within three weeks from the date the contract for the development work in Courtenay Bay is signed we will have commenced operations here, provided we receive the contract as we have every reason to believe that we will."

"I consider St. John to be the best location in Canada for the shipbuilding plant also and I can see no reason why it will not be erected here. The dry-dock and ship-building propositions are so closely interlocked that their construction at the same place would be of great mutual advantage. We are so confident that St. John will be selected as the site for the ship-building works that we are basing a large part of our plans on this supposition."

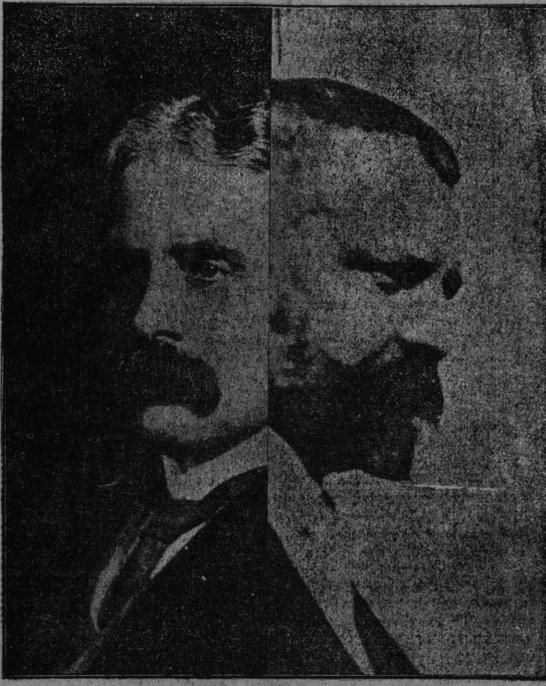
In these words W. Burton Stewart, managing director of Norton Griffiths & Co. set at rest any doubts that have been entertained as to the possibility of an early commencement of the immense works that are planned for Courtenay Bay. His statements regarding the shipbuilding plant coming from a man who is in a position to speak with authority, but who is disinterested in the matter, are of great importance in view of the claims that are being put forward by other ports which are anxious to secure this great plant.

Mr. Stewart arrived in St. John at noon yesterday and registered at the Royal Hotel. His visit is for the purpose of completing arrangements for the Courtenay Bay work in order that there shall be no delay when the contract is awarded. There has been no official announcement as to the awarding of the contract and the same cannot be until the next meeting of the government, but as Norton Griffiths & Co. are the lowest tenderers and their figures have been recommended to his colleagues by the Minister of Public Works, there is much reason for doubt as to who will receive the contract, and the preparations are being made accordingly.

Conference With Mayor. After a conference with His Worship Mayor Frank yesterday afternoon, Mr. Stewart drove around Courtenay Bay and went over the site which has been selected as the best location for the dry-dock and the shipbuilding plant.

In conversation with a representative of the Telegraph on page 12, sixth column, Mr. Stewart expressed the confidence that the work will be commenced within a very few weeks. It is likely that, owing to the urgency of the operation, this will be one of the first matters dealt with by the federal government after the elections. Mr. Stewart expressed his regret that they could not start sooner, but said that they would make a beginning just as soon as the papers are signed. He said that they had the longest period that they should require before they would actually be at work here.

"THE UNHOLY ALLIANCE"



This is the Leader of the "Anything-to-Beat-Laurier" Forces

CANADIAN MILLING COMPANIES HAVE A FAT THING OF IT

(J. C. Mackintosh & Co's. Circular) The strength shown by Ogilvie Common which advanced to 230, and Laker of the Woods, which gained to 147, was due primarily to the fact that Canada is likely to prove a most important factor in the wheat markets of the world during the next year.

AS THEY GO DOWN TO DEFEAT

What was elaborately billed by the Conservative-Nationalist press agents in North End as an "anti-reciprocity" meeting was held last evening in St. Michael's Hall.

SEIZED QUANTITIES OF LIQUOR IN HOUSE OF NATIONALIST ORGANIZER

Quebec, Sept. 18.—Sixty-one cases of liquor have been seized in the cellar of Lieut. Col. Bacon's house. He is one of the organizers for Mr. Levesque, the Nationalist candidate in Montserrat.

HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOTS! -- AT THE POLLS ON THURSDAY --

Ballot instructions and candidate lists: 1 HENRY A. POWELL, Of the City of Saint John, Barrister; 2 WILLIAM PUGSLEY, Of the City of Saint John, Barrister; 1 JOHN WATERHOUSE DANIEL, Of the City of Saint John, Physician; 2 JAMES LOWELL, Of South Bay, Farmer.

TO VOTE FOR JAMES LOWELL, Place a cross X opposite his name at the Bottom of the form as represented above, which will be handed you in the polling booth.

SPECIAL NOTICE! The names of the Liberal Candidates occur at the bottom of each ballot paper. Take plenty of time and see that you are right, then go ahead.

THE AGREEMENT CAN BE TERMINATED AT WILL.

"It is distinctly understood that we do not attempt to bind for the future the action of the United States 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. We look for the continuance of the arrangement, not because either party is bound to it, but because of our conviction that the more liberal trade policy thus to be established will be viewed by the people of the United States and Canada as one which will strengthen the friendly relations now happily prevailing and promote the commercial interests of both countries."

EARNINGS OF CANADIAN RAILWAYS GREATER SINCE TRADE PACT WAS DRAWN UP

Here is Convincing Evidence by St. John Business Man to Refute the Time Serving Arguments of Tory Press and Platform Speakers

To the Editor of the Times: Sir.—In a recent editorial in the St. John Standard I find the editor of that paper saying: "If reciprocity were adopted by the people of Canada, the trade of the country would flow south. If this means anything it is that the trade of the East and West will be greatly reduced, and St. John deprived of the advantage arising from that trade."

It means that the great capitalists of this country including Sir William Van Horne, who is probably one of the largest holders of the stock, as well as the great capitalists in England believe that under reciprocity Canada will be more prosperous than ever, and the instead of reciprocity going to injure our railways or the trade of our country, it is going to bring greater trade and traffic than ever we had before, and that is one reason I believe why the C. P. R. are making great improvement here, so as to be able to handle the traffic that is bound to come to this port.

What does this great increase mean? It means that the great capitalists of this country including Sir William Van Horne, who is probably one of the largest holders of the stock, as well as the great capitalists in England believe that under reciprocity Canada will be more prosperous than ever, and the instead of reciprocity going to injure our railways or the trade of our country, it is going to bring greater trade and traffic than ever we had before, and that is one reason I believe why the C. P. R. are making great improvement here, so as to be able to handle the traffic that is bound to come to this port.

Our farmers, lumbermen, and fishermen will be greatly benefited by increased trade which in return will bring wealth and the building up of our cities and towns in the maritime provinces. The New York Journal, considered to be one of the most reliable papers published in the United States, refers in their issue of September 11 to the remarkable increase in farm lands in the United States, and says: "In 1910 farm land averaged in the United States \$15.50 per acre over ten years later the price rose to \$25.50 an increase of 64 per cent, or 100 per cent."

With reciprocity, the farmer will see the value of his land gradually increasing and within ten years he will be getting double the price he can today. I do not wish to occupy any more of your valuable space, but there is another matter of great importance which might surprise a number of your readers which I would like you to publish, and that is the population of Kings county, our next door neighbor.

In 1881 to 1871 when we had reciprocity, the population of Kings county increased in those twenty years 5751. When there was no reciprocity (1871 to 1891) there was a decrease of 2,988, a decline of over twelve per cent, whereas during those thirty years, taking the natural increase into consideration, there has been a loss of population in this important county of over 8,000. Think it over. In Albert county and several other counties in this province, as well as in our city, there have been heavy losses, which time will not permit me to refer to in this letter.

Is it any wonder that we do not increase in industries and wealth? I regret to note that we have in our city a number of Conservatives who are blinded by party prejudice and put party before the prosperity of our city and province and say "let well enough alone." I sometimes think if reciprocity was not a party issue both Dr. Daniel and Mr. Powell, who are personal friends of mine, would be found supporting it, like their old leaders. The time is now fast approaching when the electors will have an opportunity to cast their ballots for or against reciprocity, therefore a vote for the Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Lowell will mean increased population, increased trade for the merchant and manufacturer, increased wages for the workmen, increased salaries for the clerks, great improvements in our harbor and prosperity for all. In conclusion I beg to add that in writing this letter I have only in view the interest and prosperity of our city and the maritime provinces, which we all want to see go ahead, and which I believe will never do so until we get reciprocity; therefore it deserves the careful attention of all electors regardless of party politics. I remain, GEORGE A. HORTON.