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HARD UP FOR ARGUMENTS

So far as the opposition to the new trade agreement appears to have developed, it is based on the theory that less trade with Britain means less trade with the United States.

Canada has always been reaching out for larger markets. The Conservatives when in power always had the reciprocity (later dating out) but now when a Liberal government achieves that which the Conservatives believed could not be achieved, they fall back upon the plea of loyalty to the empire, and seek to defeat the measure.

Let us examine this matter. How much of dairy produce, potatoes, vegetables, small fruits, eggs, hay, fish, etc., is at present shipped from New Brunswick to the British market? How much is likely to be shipped to that market? Will the fact that the United States market is free prevent any exporter from shipping produce to England whenever he can get a better price in the English market?

The following assertion is made by the St. John Standard:—

"This arrangement, in so far as its aim and tendency go, will turn the forward march of forty years backward, and gradually bring us back to the old conditions when British Columbia did its trade with the Pacific States, the Prairie Provinces with the Middle States, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces with Portland, Boston, and New York."

The answer to this is that the new arrangement will increase Canada's trade with the United States, but there is absolutely no evidence that it will decrease our trade with the United Kingdom. The railways east and west may be dependent on to look out for the east and west traffic, and the British market will continue to absorb Canadian produce shipped through Canadian channels. It is utterly absurd for the St. John Standard to assert that "in this arrangement British preference receives a fatal stroke and British connection a severe menace."

The assertions of that journal will not carry any weight. It is too grossly unfair and untruthful. It describes Sir Wilfrid Laurier as earnestly desiring and long working for the separation of Canada from the empire. Only blind prejudice or partisan hatred could prompt such an assertion, and the journal that makes it cannot expect to influence public opinion.

THE SILLY STANDARD

The Standard this morning presents with display on its first page, "a question for Mr. Pugsley."

The question relates to the new trade agreement, and the concluding sentence is as follows:—

"Glowing speeches and the awarding of medals to party supporters, and the usual cant about the supremacy of this port is threatened. Is Mr. Pugsley, as the representative of New Brunswick and this constituency in the cabinet, urging the adoption of this treaty which will divert Canadian trade to American channels and American ports? Does he slavishly support Laurier, the opportunist, in his anti-British policy, or does he stand for Empire trade and for St. John? The people of this city and province will want to know what Mr. Pugsley is going to do about it."

The Times has not communicated with the minister on this question, but takes the liberty of directing the attention of the Standard to the following fact:—

The steamer Granparian, of the Allan Line, left this port last week with cargo valued at \$741,838. Of this amount \$340,982 was the value of flour, meats, provisions, bird cotton, maple logs, doors and lumber from points in the United States. An other steamer, the Wakana for Australia, took cargo valued at \$227,741, of which \$146,288 represented cargo originating in the United States.

In other words, St. John is the winter port for a great deal of United States produce. How would it do for the Standard to assume that the entrepôt railway and steamship companies will be quite as able to look their own interests in the future as in the past, and that its readers are endowed with a certain amount of intelligence?

On another page of today's Times will be found a series of questions and answers relative to the commission plan of city government. Readers of this paper will be especially interested.

WHAT IT MEANS

The Montreal Herald says that if the new trade agreement goes through it will mean:—

"That Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick will export more potatoes and not so many men."

"That Nova Scotians who now man the Gloucester fishing fleet will get back to boats of their own working out of Nova Scotia ports."

"That Quebec will get top notch prices for her farm and dairy products, and will before many years, be the seat of the greatest pulp and paper industry in the world."

"That Ontario will improve upon all previous records in rearing fine cattle."

"That the Canadian west will gain population at least twice as rapidly as in the past fifteen years."

"That British Columbia will begin to make profitable use of her splendid timber resources."

"That since American grain can be stored in Canada without risk of being charged with duties, the St. Lawrence route will inevitably assert its superiority as to the best and cheapest trade route to Europe."

No plan of city government yet devised is faultless, but how many citizens of St. John desire the continuance of the present system in this city? What can be said in its favor?

The desire of the people of the United Kingdom is that the most friendly relations may continue to exist between the Empire and the United States. Some men have had dreams of a great Anglo-Saxon alliance for the world's peace. The Tory party in Canada, being in opposition, is seeking to trade upon what it falsely calls imperialism, and to create a prejudice in Canada against the United States.

"The British preference receives a fatal stroke," says the Standard. Yet there are very few articles subject to the British preference which are mentioned at all in the proposed agreement with the United States. Moreover, it was the present Liberal government that established the preference. And there is not one word in this proposed agreement with the United States to prevent an increase in the British preference. Our neighbor should study this question.

A POOR SYSTEM

Evidence has been quoted at various times in this paper to show that the combined city council and board of control system does not work out well in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. We find the following paragraph in the Toronto News of Tuesday last:—

"During the discussion at the Board of Control a few days ago, on the abolition of the civic committee, it was urged by one of the members that the committee should be shorn of their administrative powers and not allowed to 'meddle with officials.' The statement was made that the committee are continually instructing the officials to do a lot of things that amount to nothing. The reference was to reports and returns with which the departments were said to be loaded up. If this is the case, if the civic officials are put to unnecessary trouble, if their work is duplicated by furnishing reports and explanations both to committees and the Board of Control, and if they are thus hampered in the discharge of their duties, then the sooner the system is changed the better."

The explanation of this is that the various city officials, who should be subject to their duties, are compelled to spend a lot of time preparing unnecessary reports for city council committees. Such a system can only result in poor service and from time to time in deadlocks between the council and the board.

In the city of Victoria, B. C., they have the old city council system, and the newly elected mayor has just submitted a proposal to establish from among the aldermen a kind of board of control and administrative committee, composed of the mayor and two aldermen, to meet daily and carry out the orders of the council. Thus, in Victoria, the old system has proved its ineffectiveness, and the council itself is trying to patch it up. The commission plan would be better.

OXYGEN FOR ATHLETES.

Athletes in England sometimes inhale oxygen to strengthen their muscles and to increase their strength. Recently a professional boxer engaged in a boxing match with a novice whose chief defect was lack of training. After the first round the novice was so exhausted that he was about to abandon the match. A doctor who was present administered a few whiffs of pure oxygen and the novice immediately recovered his normal strength, and with it an impetus not normal. He returned to the game, and just missed giving the knockout to a very powerful adversary.

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