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A Magnificent Reception for McEvoy in East London

DR. J. A. MACDONALD ARRAYS BORDEN-BOURASSA ALLIANCE

Slashing Speech of Famous Canadian in Which the Anti-British Pact of Conservative Leader Is Exposed.

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT EXPLAINED: THE PEOPLE AGAINST BIG INTERESTS

The Present Election Is the Fight of the Common Man Against the Trusts for a Square Deal in a Free Country—A Big Audience in Jubilee Rink.

Dr. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, delivered a slashing speech in the Jubilee Rink last night on behalf of reciprocity. There was a good attendance in spite of the storm, the rink being fully three-quarters full. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the evening. Dr. Macdonald arousing the audience to a high pitch. Mr. J. M. McEvoy, the Liberal candidate, made a strong speech, replete with facts and figures, which were marshalled and driven home with the skill of an experienced platform speaker. Dr. G. A. Houghton, Liberal candidate for East Middlesex, spoke briefly, and added to the excellent reputation he has made as a candidate. Mr. F. G. Rumball, president of the Liberal Association, presided. Mr. Newton Rowell, of Toronto, had accepted an invitation to address the meeting, contingent upon other engagements, but found at the last moment he could not get away.

Mr. McEvoy dealt with reciprocity at some length, correcting some misconceptions regarding the agreement. He pointed out that the pact touched only two or three manufactured articles, and these very slightly. The impression was given out, with intent to deceive the electors, that the workmen would be thrown out of employment because American competition would drive Canadian manufacturers out of the field. That was not so, and he quoted from the

AN EARLY MORNING BLAZE THREATENED GRANTON VILLAGE

Ten Thousand Dollars Damage Done by a Fire of Mysterious Origin—Two Elevators Destroyed.

A \$10,000 fire which threatened for a time to wipe out an entire section of the village of Granton, broke out at an early hour Thursday morning from some unknown cause. The elevator belonging to the McCloud Milling Company, of Stratford, was discovered to be on fire about 1:30 o'clock and the fire had by this time gathered such headway that not only was the property entirely destroyed, but the fire spread to an adjacent elevator, owned by the Granton Elevator Company, and to the coal yards of W. W. Baker and J. Clatworthy, also destroying these buildings. This morning the coal in the sheds was still burning.

A Costly Fire. The buildings destroyed were located along the railway, just east of Main street, and it required the unremitting energies of a large volunteer fire brigade with buckets and wet blankets to protect the stores and other places of business nearby. Several times the roof of the Ontario House was ignited by sparks, but was put out before doing any serious damage.

Nothing is known for certain as to the origin of the fire, but it has been thought that possibly it might have been caused by an overheated pulley in the elevator which had been in use during the day. Although it was at first thought that the blaze might be due to incendiary causes, suspicion does not attach to anyone.

The chief losses are: McCloud Milling Company, partly covered by insurance, \$5,000; Granton Elevator Company, partly covered by insurance, \$250; J. Clatworthy, coal and coal sheds, \$2,500; W. W. Baker, coal shed, \$800. The Granton Elevator was leased to the McCloud Milling Company. Both elevators were filled with grain.

There will be a mass meeting in the interests of Mr. J. M. McEvoy, the Liberal candidate, in Tecumseh Park on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock.

Addresses will be delivered by Mr. McEvoy, Mr. Gen. S. Gibbons, and Dr. W. J. Stevenson.

FARMERS' BANK MAN ARRESTED AT COAST

Clark H. Smith One of the Promoters Located at Vancouver.

Toronto, Sept. 15.—The police are not through with the Farmers' Bank case yet. This morning a telegram was received by Inspector Duncan that Clark H. Smith, the Liberal candidate for some time, had been arrested in Vancouver, and was being held there till the local police were heard from.

Tonight Detective Guthrie takes the long jaunt across the continent to bring the man back to face a charge of "conspiracy to obtain by false representation, deceit and fraud from the treasury board of the Dominion of Canada, the certificate required to open the Farmers' Bank to the detriment of the public."

Smith was one of the promoters of the bank, and acted as secretary for some time.

The Fair Tonight

The programme in front of the grandstand at the Western Fair will be given in full this evening, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. The directors feel assured that there will be a very large crowd present, and they will give them the best entertainment of the week.

The Midway will also be in full operation.

FAIR PATRONIZED DESPITE THE RAIN

A Large Crowd Are Taking in the Sights of the Last Day.

THOUSANDS ON GROUNDS

Sale of Cheese and Butter in the Dairy Building This Morning.

Owing to the tremendous rain last night, there was not much of a crowd at the Western Fair this morning, but when it cleared up towards noon, a large number went out to see the last day's exhibition.

Some 5,000 people were present at 2 o'clock, and the directors expect twice that number before 4 o'clock. They are looking for the best Friday in the history of the Fair. "The visitors are in the city," said President Reid. "Many of those who had to go from the grounds last night have remained in the city, and with good weather we anticipate a large attendance. Unquestionably the rain cost us a lot of money, but then we have no complaints. We expect that the citizens will come out today and this evening to swell the attendance totals equal if not better than last year. There are many on the grounds now, but we expect thousands more. We are not at all discouraged, but are quite hopeful that we will quit the year with a balance."

The grounds are drying up splendidly, and there is little evidence now of the great downpour of last night.

The full programme is being given this afternoon, including the races and the live stock parade. The track was muddy early in the day, but the directors had a large staff of men engaged in getting it ready for the performance.

Little business came up for discussion at the directors' meeting at noon. Some routine work was disposed of, but nothing new came up for settlement.

President W. J. Reid was in the chair, and among the directors present were W. M. Spencer, Ald. J. H. Saunders, Ald. R. W. Bennett, Ald. W. J. Stevenson, Col. R. McEwan, Col. W. M. Gartshore, William McNeil, W. W. Gammage, J. Geo. A. Routledge, William Moore, W. E. Robinson, R. A. Carrothers, James Murray, Ed. Douglas, Secretary A. M. Hunt and others.

Sale of Produce.

The annual sale of dairy produce took place this morning in the Dairy Building, with many bidders on hand. The cheese sold well. A. M. Smith purchasing the whole exhibit at 14 cents a pound. The butter was in great demand, some fifty purchasers getting small lots. It went from 24 to 28 cents a pound. Chairman W. J. Reid, of that committee, informed The Advertiser that the sale was the most successful ever held, and the prices realized were very satisfactory.

The Fair will close tonight. Arrangements may be made to have Aviator J. J. Ward stop here tomorrow at the Fair grounds. Ward, who is flying from New York to San Francisco, was to have arrived today, but unfavorable weather had retarded him. If he can reach here by tomorrow afternoon, the Fair Board may continue the exhibition, in addition to a demonstration of the flying machine.

BIG BANK ROBBERY AT NEW WESTMINSTER

First Reports Say That \$200,000 Was Taken.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 15.—The New Westminster branch of the Bank of Montreal was broken into last night, the vaults being blown by nitroglycerine. First reports say \$200,000 was taken.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—

FORECASTS

Toronto, Sept. 15.—8 a.m.

Today—Westerly breeze, clearing.

Saturday—Moderately warm and moist.

Temperatures.

Following are the highest temperatures

Station. Max. Min. Weather.

Victoria. 68. 48. Fair.

Calgary. 68. 48. Fair.

Winnipeg. 70. 42. Clear.

Port Arthur. 68. 42. Clear.

Perry Sound. 68. 42. Clear.

Toronto. 62. 38. Rain.

Ottawa. 62. 38. Rain.

Montreal. 66. 44. Rain.

Quebec. 66. 44. Rain.

Father Point. 66. 44. Cloudy.

CANADIAN HAM SOLD ABROAD CHEAPER THAN IN CANADA

How the Canadian Consumer Is Pinched—The Canadian Product Can Be Shipped to England and Back to Canada and Sold Lower Than the Canadian Prices.

If you wish to buy a Canadian smoked ham weighing about 11 pounds in this city, you must pay 19 cents per pound for it. This is the price at Davies' retail store. Bought by the pound the price of the best ham at this store runs up to 25 cents.

Now, supposing one of these anti-reciprocity magnates, in his anxiety to do good to the workingman, proposed to import Canadian hams from Liverpool and sell them at a fair profit in this city, would he be thought sane?

Supposing, furthermore, he insisted on having them packed in the best possible way, each ham sewn carefully in canvas with a couple of handfuls of oasthusks thrown on the back of the ham—and on the bone—making it a sort of cushion, almost impossible to damage. Medical experts would be called, and much would be said about "brainstorms." But let the workingman go over these figures.

Our hero (and he need not necessarily be a hero, there is money in it) can buy wholesale hams in Liverpool averaging 11 pounds each from the Davies Company at never more than 68 shillings (about \$17) per cwt. (of 112 pounds) and more often than not at nearer 50 shillings than 68 shillings. His hams will cost him further, 2 pence (4 cents) each to smoke, and thus he can get (say) 240 hams weighing in all 2,600 pounds, costing him as near as possible 70 shillings (about \$17 50) per cwt., smoked. Any export ham packer in England will pack them for him, charging him as under:

15 cwt. salt (1,680 pounds) at 2s. per cwt. 1 10 0

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The hams, 2,600 (23 cwt. 24 pounds) cost 81 5 0

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And freight on 2½ tons, say. 4 0 0

Total. £93 15s. 0d.

Or, reckoning \$4 86 to the pound, sterling, \$455 63, just about 17½ cents per pound laid down in Canada.

If he can sell all this at 18½ cents per pound within two months, he makes 16 1-3 per cent. per annum, which is a fair profit on an investment, even if he has to deduct a commission. Remember, the above are all outside top-most prices.

Now, in addition to this he has about 1,600 pounds of best dry salt, and each of his hams is sewn in canvas. His stock will keep indefinitely. Do not these figures make one think furiously? They are not juggled. Hundreds of thousands of hams are packed in this way every month at this cost, and exported to points all over the world, from England. The competition of American, Danish and Old Country ham forces the Canadian packers to be content with a reasonable profit on the British market.

This, then, is the great Bacon joke. Mr. Flavell, Lord High Muck-a-Muck of the William Davies Company, IS ABLE TO BUY HAMS IN LIVERPOOL FROM HIS OWN FIRM AT A FAIR PROFIT TO HIS FIRM, EXPORT THEM TO HIMSELF IN CANADA, MAKING A FAIR PROFIT TO HIMSELF ON THE PACKING, AND UNDERSSELL HIS OWN FIRM'S RETAIL STORES, AGAIN MAKING FOR HIMSELF A FAIR PROFIT.

In other words, Canadian ham is not only shipped to England and sold cheaper there than in Canada, but it can be shipped to England, shipped back to Canada, and sold profitably at a lower price than is now charged the Canadian people.

And the workingman of Canada is asked to vote that the Canadian packers be protected from competition, i.e., that the packers shall have no hindrance from putting up the prices of the necessities of life as high as the tariff permits them.

The Canadian packers are opposing reciprocity because it lowers the duties on meat, and will force them to cut down their exorbitant profits.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN CITY HALL CASE

Mr. Parsons Wants Attorney-General Made a Party in the Suit.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Sept. 15.—Master in Chambers Cartwright has reserved judgment on the application of John M. Parsons, a London ratepayer, for an order adding the attorney-general as a party in his suit against the city of London.

Mr. Parsons seeks to prevent the sale by the city to the Royal Bank of the city hall and market. He says that the sale is imprudent, and that the public would be deprived of a right-of-way through an arcade in the present building.

DAMAGED BY CLOUDBURST.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 15.—Damage estimated at \$100,000 was done and a number of lives were reported lost in a cloudburst which swept Sharpshurg

GREAT BUFFALO DEALER WANTS CANADIAN HORSES ABOVE ALL WILL PAY MORE FOR THEM

A. D. Cronk Tells Advertiser They Are the Best in the World and Command Highest Prices in the United States.

ADAM BECK HAS GROWN RICH SELLING HORSES ACROSS THE LINE

Mr. Cronk Rebukes the London Man and Says His Statements Are From Selfish Motives—Reciprocity a Boon to Canadian Horse Breeders.

[By Our Own Man.] Buffalo, Sept. 14.—The Advertiser representative, who is seeking, and finding, the truth about the American markets as they apply to the Canadian farmer and customer, spent a large part of today among the leading horse dealers of Buffalo.

It would have been fine to have had Hon. Adam Beck along. Hon. Adam said there would be no demand for Ontario horses in Buffalo, and that reciprocity would ruin the horse business of the Ontario farmer, because it would take away his western market.

Hon. Mr. Beck would have discovered, had he listened to the horsemen of Buffalo as The Advertiser man did, that the Buffalo dealer is ready to buy every Canadian horse that can be brought across the border AT THE HIGHEST PRICES PAID ON THE CONTINENT.

The supremacy of the Canadian horse is firmly established in Buffalo. The Buffalo dealer wants all the horses he can get, and he would be glad to displace the western horse that is shipped in at present in favor of the Canadian horse. But there will be room for both, because the demand was never greater than it is at the present time.

What Buffalo's Largest Horse Dealer Says.

A. D. Cronk, proprietor of the Cran-

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Agar, of this town, and is well known here. Mr. Agar when interviewed by The Advertiser, stated that he had had no word since the trouble began except what he had seen in the papers.

Witnessed by Czar.

The clock in the auditorium pointed to 11:30, when a young man in evening dress moved down the centre aisle quietly, and attracting attention only because he approached the row of ministers, and appeared to accost M. Stolypin. There was a momentary hush in the immediate vicinity as curious eyes were turned toward the intruder. It was but seconds later when, like a flash, he drew a revolver from his coat and emptied it seemingly point-blank at Mr. Stolypin. As the reports of the shots crashed through the house there was a wild cry from the spectators, who rose to their feet simultaneously, many of the women sinking into their chairs fainting. The vast crowd seemed panic-stricken. Emperor Nicholas, at the sound of the first report, sprang from his chair, and, stepping to the front of the Imperial box, stared in the direction of the wounded premier. With the quick recognition of what had occurred his majesty with difficulty controlled his emotions. Turning to the orchestra, the Emperor demanded that the National Anthem be played.

DON AND TEUTON IN SECRET TREATY

Compact Between Spain and Germany London Reports.

[Canadian Press.] London, Sept. 15.—In well-informed circles for some days past has been of a secret treaty between Madrid and Berlin. If such a compact exists, says the Graphic, it would not only explain the dangerous hardihood of the Spaniards, but would throw light on the difficulties of the Franco-German negotiations.

WILL CAST HIS VOTE FOR RECIPROCITY PACT

Mr. Benj. Burgess Is a Conservative, But Puts Canada's Interests Above Politics.

Mr. Benj. Burgess, a well-known railway engineer, who resides at 74 King street, has returned to the city after an extensive holiday trip through the Canadian west. Mr. Burgess paid particular attention to the reciprocity questions, and after discussing the matter with gentlemen of both sides, has arrived at the conclusion that the pact will help that part of the country.

"I got this impression from a general talk with businessmen of all classes," says Mr. Burgess, "and there can be no doubt that Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba will go pretty nearly solidly Liberal."

Mr. Burgess, although a Conservative, says that he will cast his vote for the reciprocity pact.

SEEKING TO BECOME CANADIAN CITIZENS

Many Applications Are Received From Gentlemen Who Were Born Outside the Empire.

A large number of gentlemen of this city are applying for naturalization in Canada, including Mr. Hugh G. Gault, London's electrical engineer. Others on the list are: George Strathmore, Laporte, merchant; Jacob Goldman, cigarmaker; Max Matwys, laborer; Quau Bing, grocer; Frank Vanille, laborer; Petro Farquell, laborer; Michele Panerode, laborer; Thomas Varsos, tobacco merchant; Antonio Capponna, laborer; Demetio Auliche, laborer, and Antonio Cusolite, tailor.

MISS KERR'S PERIL

Great Anxiety Felt In Ingersoll for Missionary.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Sept. 15.—Great anxiety is felt in Ingersoll for the safety of Miss Leila A. Kerr, a missionary who is believed in Chengtu, China.

Miss Kerr is a sister of Mrs. R. T.