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CONSERVATIVES NOT UNITED

It must not be assumed that Conservatives are unanimous in support of the obstructive tactics adopted by Mr. Borden and his leading followers at Ottawa, in relation to the reciprocity agreement.

The Ottawa Citizen is a Conservative newspaper, but it does not approve of the course pursued. Observing that there have been times when obstruction was justified, the Citizen goes on to declare that this is not such an occasion. It says:

"The government has announced a definite policy on a most important public question. Its supporters, who are in the great majority, are practically united in favor of that policy. It requires an immense stock of optimism to believe that a government in such a position will allow itself to be coerced into changing that policy. The opposition may obstruct the estimates for months, but will the situation be any better at the bitter end than it is now? If the majority of the people of Canada are opposed to reciprocity, they will vote the government out of power at the next election, which is only about a year hence. If the majority of the people of Canada are not opposed to reciprocity, they will return the government to power. Will weeks or months of obstruction at the present time sensibly affect the result when the election comes? It certainly will not change the position to which the government has definitely committed itself."

The Citizen is right. The government will not allow itself to be coerced, nor will the opposition gain anything by obstruction. If Mr. Borden insists upon obstruction, and in effect repudiates the principle of responsible government, his party must suffer the consequences. A minority will not be permitted to dictate the country's policy. Sir Wilfrid may be disappointed from attending the imperial conference and the coronation, which would be much regretted throughout the empire, but he cannot and will not submit to minority rule in Canada. Public resentment against the obstructionists will grow as time passes, and whenever the appeal to the people is made the folly of the course now pursued by the opposition will be made clear to even the most noisy members of that party. The matter simply resolves itself into a question whether the majority or a minority is to rule in Canada. There can be but one answer.

A NOTABLE MEETING

St. John people will have an opportunity next Monday evening to hear reciprocity discussed by members of parliament who are in favor of the agreement. Those who hear them will not be listening to men who fear for the future of Canada, or who see any vital connection between national ideals and agreements relating to an exchange of products. These speakers will be men convinced that a favorable trade arrangement with a neighbor whose people have so much in common with Canadians will be good for Canada and therefore good for the British empire. They will be men of that class who fear that their ntry may be annexed by another, but who take for granted the integrity of the British empire. They will present clearly and fairly the reasons why Canada may expect increased prosperity as a result of the reciprocity agreement, and why there is no danger to national pride, national transportation lines, or national interests of any sort.

These gentlemen will address a sympathetic audience, for nothing but the most hopeless partisanship could blind people in these provinces to the advantage to them of this reciprocity agreement. Mr. Ames and Prof. Leacock may be assumed to have made the best of the case against reciprocity, and their chief arguments were based on assumptions which time will show to have been unfounded, such as that of Mr. Ames about the winter port trade of St. John, and that of Prof. Leacock about the east and west falling apart.

It will do the people good to hear a vigorous assertion of the ability of Canada to look after herself and at the same time take care of imperial interests.

The city council yesterday revived the market question, but after a long discussion gave it another kick into the uncertain future. The question of the repairs to the old ferry steamer was also discussed at length, and a number of the aldermen were shocked at the waste of money. Which shows how much more hindsight than foresight is often displayed by governing bodies meeting once a month, and

trusting largely to luck in the meantime. The meeting was a very lively one, and there is enough of the lively material left in the new council to indicate that personal matters will take up more or less of the time that might profitably be devoted to public affairs.

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In the course of an address on the exemption of improvements from taxation, Reeve McFarland, of Diamond township, Ontario, said:—"New Zealand is counted one of the richest countries in the world, and for the past fifteen years people of that country have exempted improvements from taxation. In that country there are said to be no millionaires and no paupers."

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Mr. Borden has discovered some United States statistics which he regards as evidence that there is a large movement of population from Canada to the United States. The figures are doubtless unreliable, as stated by several members in the house yesterday; but if there is such a movement in anything like the numbers quoted by Mr. Borden, he should welcome reciprocity as the best means of checking the exodus.

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The Square Deal, a tax reform journal published in Toronto says:—"The Toronto Board of Trade has decided to give \$2,000 for the purpose of advertising Toronto. Might we suggest that they take a leaf from Vancouver's notebook on the question of advertising. By abolishing all taxes on business and improvements, Vancouver has not only succeeded in attracting population and industries from the American cities across the line, but has secured a practically unlimited amount of free advertising in the newspapers of the world over."

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"The talk of annexation is hush. Every one who knows anything about it realizes that it is hush. Canada is a great strong youth, anxious to test his muscles, rejoicing in the race he is ready to run. The United States has all it can attend to with the territory it is now governing and to make the possibility of the annexation of Canada to the United States a basis for economic and commercial union, should be treated as one of the jokes of the platform and should not enter into the consideration of serious men engaged in solving a serious problem."—President Taft.

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Montreal has the board of control system, with its hampering city council. In evidence of its failure to produce right results we have this statement by the witness:—"Since it came into existence the present city council of Montreal has achieved nothing that we can remember on behalf of the city. It has accomplished some notable things in a negative way. It suppressed the Carter bylaw, which it was specially elected to pass. It has so far successfully prevented any arrangement with the street railway under which the congested traffic could be relieved. It managed to delay the intended purchase of the Redpath property on the mountain for the extension of the park till one day this city woke up to find that the property had been sold to private persons for a quarter more than the city had an option at. Now it is going to correct its course by losing the Melson property, on which it has an option till the second of May, which is Tuesday next. Surely there ought to be a monument set up to this council on some eminent spot on the bay park ground, with the inscription, 'Through it the city lost all this; through it the city gained nothing.'"

REV. P. J. STACKHOUSE SENT TO THE WORLD'S BAPTIST CONGRESS

Amherst, May 1.—Under the speedy train act, Judge Patterson on Saturday sent two men, Smith and Gayton, to four and three years in the penitentiary in Dorchester. Judge Sympson conveyed them there by the afternoon train.

Fred Fillmore, of the Amherst Motor Company, while riding on horseback at Metapedia was thrown from his horse, breaking his leg and dislocating his ankle. He was brought to Amherst and is now in Highland View Hospital.

Rev. A. B. Colver, of the First Baptist church, Halifax, preached two able sermons in the First Baptist church here on Sunday to very large congregations. This was his first visit to Amherst, and his sermons were greatly appreciated. He was the speaker last evening at the young men's banquet. Rev. Mr. Stackhouse took Mr. Colver's services in Halifax.

At the close of the morning service in the Baptist church on Sunday, the pastor, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, was appointed as the representative to the World's Baptist congress in Philadelphia in June, the church to pay his expenses. This appointment will be one of the most important in the history of the Baptists and the Amherst church is to be congratulated on being represented.

Ralph Stems has purchased the retail department of E. Borden ice cream parlors.

The old Amherst Hotel is being removed to Station street.

CLEANING HOUSE.

Washington Herald.—"Why nag your husband about rust?" He has agreed to beat "him."

"If he's thoroughly irritated he'll make a job."

THE SPRING MAID

April, half-clothed in flowers and showers,
Willow, like a blossom, o'er the land;
She smiles at May, and, laughing, takes
The rain and sunshine hand-in-hand.

So gay the dancing of her feet,
So like a garden her soft breath,
So sweet the smile upon her face,
She charms the very heart of death.

The young moon in a trance she holds
Captives in clouds of orchard bloom,
She snaps her fingers at the grave,
And laughs into the face of doom.

Yet in her gladness lurks a fear,
In all her mirth there breathes a sigh,
So soon her pretty flowers are gone—
And ah! she is too young to die!

—Richard Le Gallienne.



IN LIGHTER VEIN

ANYTHING TO AMUSE.
Fat Man—What are you going to let that small boy shave me?
Barber—Let the boy have his fun for once. It's his birthday, sir.



THEY'RE NEVER THIRTY-FIVE

"Do you think we'll ever have a woman for president?"
"No. The constitutional age will deter her."



IN A HURRY.

Tailor—I can't make you another suit until you pay for last.
Customer—Great Scott! I can't wait that long.



WANTED TO KNOW

City Visitor—This tree seems to be loaded with apples.
Johnnie—Yes, sir, Father says this is a good year for apples.



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WHEN YOU ARE GONE.
When you are gone the phoebe's call is still.
Oe seems to be:
The sheen upon the maple's green is dulled.
As by a shadow;
My eyes, unseeing, make me miss The violets.
Though they are blooming there,
As when we stooped in quiet joy To break their dew-wet stems.
Over the stars a veil is hung,
And all the sadness of the sea Is flung upon the sands.
(To feel your hands Upon your brow)
To feel them now!
The hurt of you afar Is in the sun and rain,
And I am bent and old—
When you are gone—Richard Wightman in "Success Magazine."

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