

Cost of Living Ready To Fall From Pedestal

Trade Treaty Will Steady Wheat Market and Keep Prices Down ---TAFT

House Committee 12-7 Reports the Agreement

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EARLY ELECTION AND LIBERAL PROTESTS AGAINST RECIPROCITY

SIXTEEN CENT EGGS NEW PRICE IN SIGHT

Era of High Prices in Produce and Dairy Markets is Past—Toronto Houses Importing Carloads of New Laid Eggs and Big Drop Must Come.

The Toronto householder can now rejoice, for the era of high prices in the produce and dairy markets is about over, according to the statements of local merchants, who are engaged in the trade.

The tide of prices for such commodities as eggs and butter has been steadily rising of recent years, until the farmer has been getting almost unprecedented prices for his dairy produce.

But as fast as market prices have declined, it is likely that there will be a still further and more rapid drop.

This is the opinion expressed to The Sunday World by local produce dealers Saturday, and the idea is based on the fact that wholesale interests have been stockpiling their warehouses too heavily.

And the United States produce is already being imported. The Sunday World was informed that the William Davies Co. had received several carloads from American points, the importation being strictly new laid eggs.

If the Canadian farmer maintains his prices at the present level, there will be nothing to it but further big imports, and on any account the householder will benefit from cheaper prices.

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No Hope of the Treaty Passing Before March 4

President Moving Heaven and Earth, But Even This May Not Avail Against Party Prejudice and Big Influences.

CHEAP EGGS New-laid eggs, duty paid, 23c. Cold-storage eggs, duty paid, 16c. Chicago provision house ready to unload in Toronto at above prices. Saturday's ruling price, 30c to 35c. Recent quotation, 60c.

Liberator Editor Renews Charges Publishes Letters Alleging That a Catholic Priest Performed a Morganatic Marriage for the King.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—The Liberator made its appearance again to-day. Editor Edward H. James gives an eight-column review of the trial of Edward F. Mylius, The Liberator's London agent, for seditious libel.

Albany Also Approves. ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 11.—The Canadian reciprocity agreement was approved in resolutions adopted by the directors of the Republican League of Clubs of the State of New York at their annual meeting here to-day.

Varsity and Orillia Juniors Play O.H.A. Second Round Game

Orillia Scores First Goal After Puck Had Been Taken From End to End—Game Fast and Clean—Ice Heavy.

MUTUAL STREET RINK, Toronto, Feb. 11.—Varsity and Orillia played a Junior O.H.A. game of the second round here to-night before a fair crowd on ice that was rather heavy.

The teams lined up as follows: Varsity—Goal, Laird; point, Smith; cover, Caldwell; rover, Webster; centre, Clarkson; right, Goodearle; left, Maynard.

Referee, Allen T. Kinder. On account of the similarity of sweaters Varsity wore St. Michael's jerseys.

First half: Varsity rushed and had first shot. Thornton made nice rush up side and Laird had to stop a fast one; play was first man ruled off.

RECIPROCITY IS FAVORED BY U.S. COMMITTEE

Send Measure on to U. S. Representatives by Majority of Five—Most Democrats Support It—Andrew Carnegie Favors Trade Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The Canadian reciprocity agreement was reported favorably, 12 to 7 to the house to-day by the committee on ways and means.

The committee adopted an amendment proposed by Mr. Mann of Illinois providing that wood produced in Canada may be brought into the United States free, and that products of wood, as specified in the bill, up to valuation of 4 cents a pound, may be brought in free.

The committee in its final vote to report the bill stood: For—Payne (New York), McCall (Mass.), Hill (Conn.), Boutell (Ills.), Needham (Cal.), Longworth (Ohio) Republican; Clark (Mo.), Underwood (Ala.), Pou (N.C.), Randall (Texas), Harrison (N.Y.), and Brantley (Ga.) Democrat—15.

Acting Chairman McCall was authorized to make the report immediately and bring it up in the most feasible and expeditious way. It is probable that a rule will be reported from the rules committee limiting debate and preventing the adoption of amendments, also as a measure of the highest.

Varsity, with two men to the good forced matters. Langman goes on, but Varsity content. McNab rushed and gave Laird a fast one to stop. Orillia shot much better than Varsity.

Half time score: ORILLIA 1, VARSITY 0. Last Five Races at Oakland. THIRD RACE—Futurity course. 1. Roy Junon (E. Martin), 3 to 1.

FOURTH RACE—Waterhouse Cup—54 miles. 1. Markie M. (E. Martin), 11 to 5. 2. Eddie Grangey (Seiden), 15 to 1.

FIFTH RACE—One mile and seventy yards. 1. Ebdymon II. (Taplin), 15 to 1. 2. Balesh, Riddle, 8 to 1.

BASEBALL GOSSIP. Ty Cobb is one of the stockholders of a company that on Jan. 31 announced the purchase of the Augusta, Ga. Chronicle. The extent of the ball player's holding in the newspaper was not given out.

Another Ingenious Defence. "Judge," said Mr. Erasmus Pinkley, "do please I have to offer is self-defence."

PRESIDENT TAFT DEFENDS TRADE AGREEMENT

Sees Much Advantage in it for Farmer, Miller and Manufacturer—Would Steady the Wheat Markets and Bring Down Prices.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 11.—President Taft defended the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada in an address before the Illinois Legislature here to-day, as the "logical conclusion" of the protection plank in the last Republican national platform.

He defined the protection theory as one that should impose a tariff not exceeding the difference in the cost of production in the United States and abroad, and allowing a fair margin of profit for the home producer.

After pointing out that protection had led to a tendency to combine and thus raise the prices of products, the president said this led to a desire for the limitation of protection. While he was prepared to grant a reduction in duties on such goods going into Canada.

Increases Land Values. Mr. Taft took issue with the statement made by the Canadian grain free would lower the price of farm lands in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. Such a theory, he said, was refuted by every fact of statistics which shows an increase in the value of these lands when new wheat fields were opened up further west.

Control of Wheat Market. "It will give the United States much greater control of the wheat market than it ever had before. It will enable the milling plants to turn Canadian wheat into flour and send abroad the finished product, and it will stabilize the sale of manufactures and other things that we have to sell to Canada."

Premier Ward To Visit Canada Will Pass Thru the Dominion on His Way to the Imperial Conference.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Sir Joseph Ward, prime minister of New Zealand, while on his way here to attend the sittings of the Imperial conference, intends, it is said, to travel by way of Ottawa and Washington.

ARRESTED FOR PERJURY Prominent Hamilton Man to Stand Trial on Serious Charge.

HAMILTON, Feb. 11.—J. E. Bidwell Mills, a prominent real estate dealer, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of perjury in connection with a recent high court action.

A Toronto Valentine Girl



PERSONAL.

(St. Valentine's Day, 1911)

Maiden of the twinkling ankles, azure eyes and figure slender, Scorned lips and sea-shell ears, inclining but to whispering tender.

Green leaves spring out into life, frail ferns and blossoms by the fountain. Are dancing with the waning wind, a sort of flowery cotillon.

Toronto Man Fined For Importing Aliens Paul Mungantun Attempted to Bring in Samuel Goldman From the U.S. for Tailor Shop.

ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 11.—For assisting an alien to enter Canada, Paul Mungantun, a Toronto merchant, was fined fifty dollars by Magistrate Rathbun at Bridgeburg. Mungantun brought Samuel Goldman of Buffalo across the river. It is understood, in order to have him work at tailoring in Toronto, Goldman was let off with a five dollar fine.

No Advance in Tourist Rates Grand Trunk Announces That Present Rates Will Be Adhered to This Season.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—The Grand Trunk Railway has given definite notice to the other eastern roads of its intention to stand pat on the reduced summer tourist rates, which have been in force during the last two years.

LIBERALS GET READY FOR EARLY ELECTION

Pronounced Revolt, Especially in Cities, Against Reciprocity Agreement, Which May Lead to Formation of Independent Party—Substantial Men of Toronto Are Identified With the Movement.

W. M. GERMAN, M.P., WELLAND, WILL OPPOSE THE PACT

The best guess The World can make, and it is more than a guess, is that the Liberal Government at Ottawa is getting ready for an appeal to the country this summer, or at the latest in the autumn.

The exclusive announcement in The World of yesterday of a convention of the Liberals of Ontario next month in Toronto is one of the most significant indications of an early election. It is more than likely that at this convention a progressive program will be adopted, especially in the line of provincial politics.

The common expectation was that there would be no election until 1912, and that the redistribution of the seats would take place before appeal was made. Everyone thought that inasmuch as the people were to be numbered in June the results would be forthcoming in a month or so afterwards, and that they would be presented in an early session of the house in October or November of this year, and that the redistribution and increase in seats would be proposed at that session later on; and that after a somewhat protracted session parliament would be prorogued some time next spring, say in May, and an election in June or September.

A question associated with the above is the attitude of Liberals towards this reciprocity policy of the Ottawa Government. The revolt, especially in the cities, of Liberals against this policy is pronounced, and it is not at all unlikely that a strong protest signed by leading men will be made public in a very few days. Mr. German, M.P. for Welland in the Dominion house, has already signified that he will fight and vote against the reciprocity proposal. It is also expected that at least half a dozen prominent Liberal members from Ontario will follow suit; but The World knows for a fact that there are thousands of Liberals in Ontario who have received the shock of their lives, from a political point of view, in the proposed surrender of Canada's markets to the United States, and that they are prepared to go any length to prevent reciprocity passing, and if it passes, to have it repealed at the earliest possible moment. Just what action they will take, whether the formation of an independent party or allying themselves with the Conservatives or anything else that may happen to them, is not yet known; but the indications are that they will declare for a new national party, trusting that the outcome of it eventually will be a new and better party for the control of Canadian affairs. They are to-day very much in the same position as the Liberal Unionists, when they left their party and allied themselves with the Conservatives, tho' they would sooner detach themselves absolutely from their own party and also in a position so as to effectively register their opinions. A new party then seems the most available and the one with the least friction.

The World has heard some of the names mentioned in this connection, and it can assure the country that they are the most substantial men in Toronto identified in the past with Liberal affairs.

The injury that will come to Canadian industries and manufacturing by the treaty is enormous. There is no doubt now that the fruit and market gardening industry is damaged; but a large number of lines of other businesses will be injured. The pork packing and dead meat industry, so The World was told yesterday, would practically be ruined. It is believed that the head officer of every bank in Canada, with one exception, has stated that he considers the proposal injurious to Canada. It is believed that the head of every railway in Canada will declare against reciprocity as an injury to transportation, and all the other interests allied with transportation companies, in loan companies, also take the same view. The last declaration is that of the big millers, and they, too, are on record as being of the opinion that reciprocity will transfer the milling industry from Canada to the United States. And what is true in these several instances, is true in many others. It is therefore likely that the Liberal protest against reciprocity will be pronounced and active, and will organize itself in some kind of way in opposition to the government at Ottawa in the forthcoming election. This probably is the reason why the Liberals are so anxious to get to the country at the earliest possible moment.

All of which goes to show that an election in September is almost in sight. If anybody thinks Sir Wilfrid Laurier has made up his mind to go to the coronation in June, he is counting his chickens before they are hatched. It is not likely that Sir Wilfrid will ever cross the ocean again.

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