

What Reciprocity Will Do to the Port of St. John

Hon. Clifford Sifton Riddles the Pact Before an Immense and Appreciative Audience at the Winter Port Last Night--Diversion of Traffic From East and West to North and South, which Must Follow Adoption of Pact, will Prove Death Blow to Aspirations of St. John as Canada's Winter Port.

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That the people of St. John are aroused to the menace of the reciprocity pact was made abundantly manifest last evening when thousands of representative citizens thronged the Winter Port to hear Hon. Clifford Sifton, a former minister in the Laurier government give his reasons for opposing reciprocity. So great was the interest that the big rink was crowded to the doors long before 8 o'clock, and hundreds thronged the street in front of the rink unable to gain admission, though no special efforts had been made to drum up a crowd by means of brass bands, torch light processions and free railway tickets to the faithful from all parts of the province.

The meeting was in marked contrast to the Laurier demonstration, both to the attention accorded the speaker and the spontaneous and effervescent enthusiasm which greeted the points scored against the reciprocity pact. It was very evident that the people had not come to the meeting out of curiosity, but with the object of hearing what a man who has played an important part in the public life of his country had to say about the great issue before the country.

That Mr. Sifton's logical and exhaustive exposition of the dangers of the reciprocity pact made a strong impression upon his audience was shown by the frequent interjections of applause and the tremendous storm of cheering which broke forth from the vast audience as he concluded his address. His arguments were only made the more impressive by his statement at the beginning of his speech, that he was not a Conservative, and was not speaking for any party purpose, but as a citizen of Canada, convinced that it was his duty to oppose by every means in his power the adoption of a treaty which would be disastrous to the national wellbeing and imperial aspirations of his fellow citizens.

In the course of his address he dealt at some length with the effect of reciprocity upon the winter port business, pointing out that while Mr. Pugsley was proposing to construct great harbor facilities at Courtenay Bay, he was supporting a policy which as Sir Wilfrid said, would cause Canadian trade to flow to the United States like a full river, and thus render the harbor facilities useless.

One of the features of the meeting was the great reception accorded the candidates, Mr. Powell and Dr. Daniel, who followed Mr. Sifton in brief speeches.

The platform was festooned with flags and bunting, and there were banners bearing the inscriptions: "Borden and British Connection," "The Flag That Binds the Empire," "Canada for the Canadians," "Premier Hazen presided and on the platform with him and the speakers were many prominent citizens. After calling the meeting to order, the chairman introduced Mr. Sifton the principal speaker of the evening.

Mr. Hazen.

Premier Hazen said it was an honor to him to preside at the greatest meeting he had ever seen in St. John. Not only was the audience composed of men in all walks of life in this city, but also there were present representatives from every constituency in the province. These were gathered together to discuss the issues of the campaign, which would close on September 21, and which he firmly believed would witness the downfall of the Liberal government of Canada.

Never had he seen such interest in an election as in the present campaign. Never were there such large audiences at the meetings where the issues of the campaign were discussed. The reason for this was that the people of both sides of politics wanted to hear discussed the question of reciprocity with the United States, which had been made the chief feature of the campaign. This question had also attracted the attention of the public men and newspapers of the United States, and they were all of the opinion that it was the first step in the direction of a conspiracy to hand Canada over to the United States. (Cries of never, never.)

With this view of it taken it was little wonder that they had gathered together to hear the pact discussed and that people of both the great political parties had manifested their opposition to it, and were quite content to allow Canada to work out her own destiny as an integral part of that great empire of which all are so proud.

Country Before Party.

Mr. Sifton had taken a part in this campaign not as a Tory partisan but as a man who had placed his country and his country's welfare ahead of his party. He had taken a large part in the defeat of the Conservative government in 1896 and he had occupied a prominent position in the Liberal ministry and was highly thought of and held the confidence of his leader to such a degree that after his retirement from the government he had been given the position of chairman of the Canadian conservation commission, which aimed to conserve the Canadian natural resources of Canada for the Canadian people.

This was not a party campaign, the destiny of Canada was in question and in this light men of all shades of political opinion were hastening to the support of those who were fighting the battle of British connection. He then introduced Mr. Sifton who was greeted with so much hearty applause and such cheers that he was obliged to stand for a few minutes at the centre of the platform and wait for the applause to subside before he could utter a word.

Hon. Clifford Sifton.

After expressing his pleasure at the

very large and representative meeting which had assembled to hear the reciprocity pact discussed, Mr. Sifton said he came before them for the purpose of explaining the reasons which caused him to break with his party on the question. He was not biased by party views because if he were he would still be supporting the government in this election. He had to personal antipathy against Sir Wilfrid Laurier or any of his ministers for his relations with them had always been most cordial. He was actuated by his sense of duty as a citizen and he desired to speak to his audience as one citizen to another.

For the last 25 years Canada had made great progress under the protective policy which had been enunciated in 1879 and which with some modifications had been in force ever since. This policy had appealed to the farmers as well as to the manufacturers and however unimportant the agricultural schedule might have been in 1879 it was now of the utmost importance.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had spoken on the reciprocity agreement on Monday evening and while the speaker was in a position that was not particularly grateful to him to criticize the leader with whom he had had a long and a pleasant career, he still had a few remarks to make on his speech. He noticed that Sir Wilfrid had said that his speech at Simcoe had been abused by Mr. Sifton because he had not supplied arguments on the reciprocity pact. He did not abuse it, but he expressed the opinion that there was no argument in it and Sir Wilfrid himself had agreed with him by saying as he did on Monday evening that he did not think it was necessary to argue it. (Laughter and cheers.)

No Better Market for Hay.

"Next Sir Wilfrid says that the whole purpose of the pact is to give the farmers of Canada the benefit of a larger market. We will see. Take the matter of hay, which I have heard quoted. I understand that Boston is the most profitable market for the people of the Maritime Provinces to send their hay. Let me tell you that the only result of taking the duty off hay in the Boston market would be that there would be large quantities of hay shipped from New Brunswick, Quebec, and the Boston market which is now on an import basis for hay, would be put on an export basis, and the hay would not be worth as much in the port of Boston as it would be at the point of shipment.

"Sir Wilfrid also says that northwestern wheat would command higher prices in the United States than in Canada, and that the removal of the duty on wheat would greatly help the wheat growers of the west. There is no chance in the world of an increase in the price of wheat for the Canadian wheat grower under reciprocity, and I will tell you why. The northwestern part of the United States has a surplus of hard wheat of about 40 million or 50 million bushels, which through manipulation and through other reasons, is generally about 5 cents a bushel above the price in Canada. We have wheat crop this year of 200,000,000 bushels and it will soon be 300,000,000 and then 500,000,000 bushels. Anyone can see as soon as the duty is taken off what will happen. As soon as the duty is taken off the northern Dakota the price of wheat will come down to an export basis and the wheat growers will not be better off.

Most Serious Objection.

"The most serious objection to the trade arrangement, however, is that it will divert the trade of Canada from the present channels and take it into the Canadian ports to the ports of the United States. It will affect the railways of Canada and anything which affects them adversely is injurious to the prosperity of Canada as a whole. "In labor and material the railways of Canada spend 60 per cent. of every dollar they earn and the loss in this direction will be reckoned in the tens of millions of dollars. Every railway will suffer, every port will suffer, every harbor will suffer, our merchant marine on the great lakes which we have created at great expense will be wiped off the map, but most of all and above all, the city of St. John will suffer.

"We have been carrying on a policy of developing our sea ports and with some success. Thanks to the energy of Sir John Macdonald, the C. P. R. was built, the Canadian Northern is building and now there is the G. T. P. which I thought would stand as an enduring monument to Laurier. The effort has been to develop the trade in Canadian freight through Canadian ports and I challenge any man to say that he has ever heard a speech delivered by supporters of the government where the keynote was not the carrying of Canadian trade through Canadian ports. Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself said he would not rest until every pound of Canadian trade would be carried through Canadian ports. That was the sole purpose in the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and yet he is now prepared to turn his back on all this and allow the trade to go where it pleases.

No Word Of Canadian Ports.

At Monday night's meeting there was not a word about Canadian trade through Canadian ports. Laurier said that if the reciprocity agreement was carried the trade would flow from Canada to the United States as water in a millrace. Nothing more than that is needed to show what the effect will be on the east and west trade, the trade which will benefit the port of St. John.

It was with great surprise that I learned that Mr. Pugsley had told in one breath last night of the great things he had in store for Courtenay

Bay, and in the next breath had announced his support of a policy which would take the trade away from the east and western ports and divert it to the channels and trade routes of the United States.

Just as soon as the reciprocity agreement is ratified Jim Hill's railways will carry the grain of western Canada down into the United States. This will affect all the Canadian Railways and cause an incalculable loss to the Canadian Atlantic ports.

"If the Grand Trunk Pacific is carried to completion, and the policy of Canadian trade through Canadian ports continued in, as has been said by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Pugsley and every supporter of the government then we may expect that St. John from its position will prosper, but if on the other hand the reciprocity agreement is carried and the traffic diverted the loss to Canadian railways and Canadian ports will be heavy indeed. (Applause and cheers.) As Mr. Sifton concluded the audience sprang to their feet waving their hats, cheering loudly, in a tremendous outburst of spontaneous and enthusiastic cheering, followed by calls for Mr. Powell and Dr. Daniel.

The chairman then started to introduce Dr. Daniel, but the audience needed no introduction. Again the people sprang to their feet and burst into cheers.

In opening his remarks Dr. Daniel said that he felt it would be superfluous for him to address at length an audience that had just listened to the eloquent and inspiring address of Mr. Sifton, more especially as the campaign was just opening and he hoped to have other opportunities of addressing them.

At the same time, he added, I want to say I am proud to stand before this great and intelligent audience, and know that I am the candidate of the great Conservative party, seeking your

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