

RECIPROcity PACT GROWING IN FAVOR IN EASTERN CANADA

Montreal Campaign Against the Agreement by "Interests" in Montreal and Toronto Will Not Have Desired Effect—Saskatchewan Legislature's Action Has Had Marked Effect—Lord Strathcona Denies Statement Attributed to Him.

Ottawa, March 14.—The Government's reciprocal trade arrangement is steadily growing in popular approval despite the monied campaign being conducted against it by hostile interests in Montreal, Toronto, and other eastern financial centres. The unanimous declaration of the Saskatchewan Legislature has had a marked effect which today has been supplemented by several significant announcements. In the House of Commons, Sir Wilfrid Laurier read a cablegram from Lord Strathcona in which the latter said the statement attributed to him by A. S. Goodwin, (Conservative, Kootenay) in the House last week, proclaiming his hostility to the arrangement was "entirely baseless and without foundation in fact."

Will Develop the West. "We manufacturers know that the bulk of our business, or is to be done in the West," is his statement. "Free Trade in farm products will develop and benefit the west. Two-thirds of our output goes to the Prairie Provinces and we are looking there for future development." On Saturday the Liberals of West Durham at a mass meeting attended by hundreds, enthusiastically endorsed the reciprocity arrangement and declared the anxiety expressed by an imaginary scare raised by selfish interests. Friends of the beneficial trade expansion are much encouraged over the rapid strides it is making in public favour. These will further increase from day to day as its effect becomes better known.

EDMONTON-BATTLEFORD TOWNS SEE DAYLIGHT TRAIN SERVICE

Strong Movement on Foot to Induce the Canadian Northern to Put on a Fast Daylight Train for By No. Being Accessible in the Daytime by Interconnecting Towns Under 100 Miles.

Bulletin Special. Vermilion, March 13.—The boards of trade of the towns along the C.N.R. have for some time felt the need of better daylight passenger train service between Battleford and Edmonton.

There is still some good unsettled agricultural lands along this line. Settlers who are here are making good progress and the towns are growing. Some of the boards of trade of the C.N.R. towns have been issuing publicity literature. But they now ask the C.N.R. to let the seven Vermilion and Edmonton light shunt. A daylight passenger train between Battleford and Edmonton should make the run in ten or twelve hours or less, and the comfortable and of traffic from town to town and to both ways, freight, though the shunting Battleford and Edmonton would delay at some of the stations along largely increase. Tourists would see the progress and stop of to invest or settle. General business would increase.

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AMERICAN FARMERS TO COLONIZE PEACE RIVER DISTRICT OF B. C.

Head of Syndicate Purchasing 800,000 Acres at Cost of \$5,000,000. Predicts From Ten to Twelve Thousand Settlers Will Be Settled on These Lands, Just Within Border of B. C. in Next Two Years—Edmonton on the Point of Departure of Promised Land—Many Well-to-do Montana Farmers in First Contingent.

Vancouver, March 14.—That the next two years will witness the settlement of between ten and twelve thousand people in the Peace River district of British Columbia, as a result of colonization methods, is the prediction of H. H. Barber, of Winnipeg, who last week on behalf of an American and two Winnipeg syndicates, closed deals for the purchase of approximately 800,000 acres of land in this district. The amount involved in the three transactions is about \$5,000,000, the vendors being the British-Canadian Securities Company and the Grand Trunk Land Co. of Vancouver.

The new owners intend to engage in colonization work on an extensive scale, adapting methods which have been successful in settling Alberta and Saskatchewan. Arrangements were perfected some time ago for placing the first contingent of American farmers in the Peace River district within the borders of British Columbia, said Mr. Barber yesterday. "These people are now on their way into the promised land. I have been advised that fifteen carloads of their effects passed through North Portal on the boundary line. They will go west from Edmonton over the Grand Trunk Pacific as far as Edson, where they will have an overland journey of less than one hundred miles. The building of the railway will greatly facilitate colonization work as it brings the district within reach of the average settler."

Formerly the man who had his eye on that region had to consider the task of travelling 500 miles across the country from Edmonton to Alberta government is now building a road.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or other joints Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It cures but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by Dealers everywhere.

EDMONTON BOARD FOR RECIPROcity

BUSINESS MEN BY ALMOST UNANIMOUS VOTE PRODUCE FOR AGREEMENT

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade, held in the board rooms yesterday afternoon the motion of ex-Pres. James McGeorge was unanimously passed, that the Edmonton board should withdraw from the Association of Boards of Trade of Western Canada. This motion was announced two months ago by Mr. McGeorge, but owing to the small attendance at last month's meeting it was thought wise to postpone the discussion till a fuller meeting was held. Coming from an ex-president who had the confidence of the meeting, everyone felt that the step was well advised and it met with the hearty approval of the members. The reasons advanced by Mr. McGeorge were that affiliation with an organization which the local section no longer benefited, and that the objects of many other boards were in conflict with those of the Edmonton board. It was pointed out that the Central Alberta Development League had been formed with more uniform interests, there was nothing to be gained by membership in the larger organization.

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A letter was read from the Premier acknowledging the receipt of a letter from Edmonton asking the intentions of the Provincial Government regarding the development of the Lower Athabasca region; the Premier drew attention to the fact that he had already met the representatives of Edmonton Board of Trade on that subject, and given them his views. He promised them that a member of the country would receive the serious attention of the Government.

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SOME COMMENTS ON THE TARIFF AGREEMENT

Special to the Bulletin. Ottawa, March 14.—That the reciprocity agreement between the two countries provides were practically unanimous in their support and advocacy of the reciprocal trade arrangement was the message of ex-Judge MacKenzie (Cape Breton) who resumed his debate tonight and continued before parliament. He dealt with the many advantages to all classes, and especially those that the farming community would derive from it and urged its early adoption by the House.

In a letter to the press H. W. Rowell, whose name appeared among those on the platform at the recent Toronto meeting called by those interested in Canadian free trade, says its real effect is to give the Canadian farmer free entry into the American market. He has had the "Free Trade" for his surplus products. Our country has been steadily increasing its production of agricultural and industrial products, and it is growing steadily stronger. The United States and he can reach no other conclusion than that the same results that have been achieved in the same opportunity.

So far from having any sympathy with propaganda being carried out by anti-reciprocity committees," he says, "the agitation is degrading the loyalty of Canadians and prejudicing Canada's position in the eyes of the world." In a press interview D. A. Forrester, a prominent Conservative, said that in his county states: "There are five great industries in Canada: agriculture, lumbering, mining, fishing and manufacturing. It is not fair or patriotic to oppose the government's measure for the good of the other four industries."

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RUSSIAN TROOPS ADVANCE ON CHINA

ISSUE ULTIMATUM DEMANDING IMMEDIATE EXECUTION OF TREATY OBLIGATIONS

St. Petersburg, March 14.—Russia has sent an ultimatum to China insisting upon a closed adherence to the provisions of the treaty of 1851, which has been the subject of negotiations between the two countries for some weeks past. The Russian occupation corps is within 100 miles of the frontier, and marching on Kulu. Only the immediate execution of China's treaty obligations towards Russia can interrupt the advance of the army which is to occupy Kulu. Two brigades of sharpshooters, four squadrons of caissons, two batteries of field guns and eight batteries of machine guns, were dispatched from Mergelen in Ferghana Turkistan shortly after the receipt of China's second reply.

Advancing to Frontier. Advice to the war office last night says that the expedition is within 100 miles from Kulu, and advancing in order to reach the frontier about the time of the presentation of the ultimatum. The Russian force is considered entirely sufficient to re-occupy and hold Kulu. The Chinese troops, although nominally 10,000 in number, actually number a bare couple of thousands. They are undisciplined, have diverse equipment and lack artillery.

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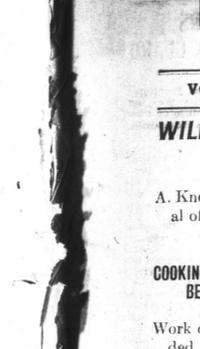
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Vermilion, Mar. 13.—About 25 miles north of Vermilion in the Sandovian district, William Ballas, with his wife and three children, have resided for some time. But Ballas is now in the Guard Room at Fort Saskatchewan, where he is held on the charge of aggravated assault on his mother-in-law, Mrs. Duediche, who lived with the Ballas family till last date, when she was assaulted. It is alleged Ballas had during the past three years repeatedly received money from his mother-in-law, and on the night in question asked her for some more money. But she refused to give him any more, and he hit her with a club, and she was injured. The woman crawled on the floor for three quarters of a mile to the home of the nearest neighbour, John Barry, a blacksmith. The two grandsons, aged 20 and 16, and the granddaughter, were witnesses of the alleged assault, but were too frightened to testify. Mrs. Ballas was also afraid of her husband.

Upon word of the affair reaching the attention of Constable McPhail, R. N. W. M. P., lost no time in investigation. The case and arresting Ballas and his wife, and the mother-in-law, were arrested before P. H. Barber, J.P., on the charge of criminal assault. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for three months. The prisoner is as yet unrepresented. Ballas has been in the country for three years and is well spoken of as a hard-working industrious man. Mrs. Duediche, upon whom the alleged assault was made, is a grand old lady, and it is difficult to imagine anyone should wish to harm her. She is suffering from rheumatism, and she is likely to recover.

Flourishing in the Dakotas. Mitchell, South Dakota, March 13.—Farmers are dragging and plowing, and by the middle of the month the work will be pretty general in this section and the southern part of the state. The middle section of the state is in fair condition, particularly where the soil is heavy, and the heavy soil being hard to work as yet. With one rain, the ground is favorable for planting. The indications are that seeding will start earlier than last year, and the temperature for the past four or five days being high and the forecast being favorable for the future. The thing is noticeable this year in seeding, and that is farmers will attempt to sow earlier than usual. Farmers and teams work at work in the fields Saturday preparing the soil for the spring. The weather of the last few days has put the ground in a better condition than it was in for some time. Many are starting their fields for crops. Seeding will begin this week.

WILL LAUNCH FOREST

A. Knechtel, Inspector of Forestry, for This Purpose.

COOKING LAKE RESERVE BE GIVEN CHIEF

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