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Attitude toward the treaty. That something having occurred in the simultaneous action of Russia and the declaration of the American Manufacturers' Association that protection was no longer necessary, there is a decided trend of opinion across the line in favor of reciprocity with Canada.

Having reference to Lord Pauncefoot's alleged opinion, the chief Tory organ at Toronto insists that Canada does not want reciprocity. This is an unwarranted view, Canada does not want reciprocity. It is no doubt true that the persistent narrowness of the United States on this subject has taken away the keen edge of our appetite for reciprocal trade relations; but there is still a strong concurrence of judgment in favor of freer trade between the two countries.

Unprejudiced mind can look at our trade returns without seeing that the prevailing tariff is a serious and indefensible hindrance. We may not be prepared to throw down all barriers; but there is a very large list of articles in respect of which reciprocity would be mutually advantageous. We in the maritime provinces are profoundly concerned in the matter.

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that a possible difficulty in the way may be the very division which the Mail and Empire seeks so earnestly during most of the year to create. After aiming for three hundred and sixty-four days in the year to set race against race and creed against creed it is unreasonable on the three hundred and sixty-fifth to call for unity.

A paraphrase of the advice given by the chief Tory organ would be "When we have a premier, let us not regard him as French-Canadian or English-Canadian, but as the properly chosen head of united Canadian people." The Duke of York may be with us but for a few days in a lifetime; but a premier we must always have.

We sincerely wish that in respect of all persons and all matters racial and sectarian differences were at all times forgotten. Then unity and harmony would be natural and easy.

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Legal party will be spontaneous in its friendliness. It is St. John's greeting not only to the Governor General and his lady, but to the individuals themselves.

St. John in common with the other cities and towns of the Maritime Provinces appreciates the compliment of Lord and Lady Minto desiring a closer and more personal acquaintance with its citizens.

We trust that the reception given them may make an impression sufficiently agreeable to ensure many repetitions of the present visit. His Excellency should know the people of the great Dominion and we have no doubt that the mutual acquaintance will engender mutual respect.

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Special Offer for This Week.

Reduction of prices in our custom tailoring department is most unusual.

In order to keep all the forces busy we're willing to make some liberal reductions in prices of made-to-measure clothes.

The fabrics are of the kinds and patterns that have taken best with good dressers, and the making is first class in all details.

These reductions will induce you to help us keep our forces busy.

Your choice from a collection of suitings, former prices of which were \$20, \$21, \$22. Special price \$15.00.

It's a Good Time to Buy Men's Clothing.

The suits offered you in this "overproduction" stock sale are in the same weights and colors that will be worn this fall, and right up to the middle of November. The vital point, however—the one that you should consider is this: Can I buy a suit for fall at present prices if I wait? Indeed you cannot.

And that's why we say it's a good time to buy when we offer such prices as these:

Table with 4 columns: Item, Price, Value, and another Price. Includes Men's Suits, Men's Trousers, Men's Overcoats, and Boys' 3-Piece Suits.

GREATER OAK HALL,

King Street, Cor. Germain.

SCOVIL BROS. & CO.,

St. John, N. B.

Wool taken in Exchange for Goods.

PROSPECTIVE RECIPROCITY.

Lord Pauncefoot is credited by a newspaper despatch with having spoken hopefully of the prospect of reciprocity between Canada and the United States.

The altered conditions have reference to the enormous expansion of American exports and the strongly expressed opinion of American manufacturers that the maintenance of the existing scale of protection is not only unnecessary, but is fraught with danger.

But that is not all. The tone of the American press has only changed in a marked way in the interest of high protection, but it has perceptibly changed in relation to trade with Canada.

Our neighbors only required something to make them pause and think in order to have them see how selfish has been their

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Now that the question of the nature which the public functions in honor of the civil and dual visitors shall take is being discussed, the suggestion is freely offered by the man on the street that the celebration should be in such a form as to be public in more than name.

For example, if it is decided to hold a reception in the honor of the distinguished visitors, then the reception should be held in the morning or afternoon, so that evening dress will not be a primal necessity to admission.

If it is decided to have an exhibition of fireworks, then Fort Howe or some equally central and conspicuous spot should be chosen for the purpose, so that the citizens as an entity can enjoy the show.

Rich and poor will alike desire to do honor to the governor general and Lady Minto, as well as to the Duke of York and the future queen consort, and the functions in honor of the king's viceregent should be of such a nature as to ensure the heartiest co-operation of all the people of St. John.

It is no time for the exhibition of kid glove or gold braid loyalty. What all would desire is the hearty and spontaneous enthusiasm of a loyal people, uniting under a common citizenship to express their devotion to the sovereignty of Britain's imperial empire, in whose name the visitors come, and as a mark of friendly greeting to the personality of those who honor our city with their presence.

If this suggestion is followed it will not matter much what the particular plans may be that are chosen for the occasions.

By all means make the functions of such a nature as to ensure the breaking down of class feeling for the nonce, and their success will be complete.

The people of St. John wish to join in a united greeting to the distinguished visitors.

RATIONAL AT TIMES.

In a moment of enlightenment the Toronto Mail and Empire says: "When the Duke comes, let us receive him not as English or Irish, Catholic or Protestant, black or white, but as united Canadian subjects of the king." We heartily acquiesce in this sentiment; but we realize

HAIL TO THE CHIEF.

St. John welcomes the Governor General and his staff today. The citizens of all conditions unite in an enthusiastic greeting to His Majesty's Viceregent in Canada, and with all the fervor of a free born people, living contentedly under constitutional government desire to make the vice-regal party feel that the freedom of this loyal and loyalist city has been freely given to them, not in name alone but in all that pertains to the citizenship.

This is the first occasion upon which the Governor General and Lady Minto have honored St. John with their presence; we trust it will not be the last. Their Excellencies will find much to interest them in this thriving hub of industry at the mouth of Canada's noblest river, and in the efforts of the sturdy artisans, ambitious merchants and industrious people of all the various trades and callings to build up on this rocky promontory an abiding city of no mean proportions.

They will find a courteous, warm-hearted people, hospitable to a fault, who are doing their part to keep up the best traditions of a Greater Britain beyond the seas in this vantage point of His Majesty's greatest colony.

The greeting given today to the Vice-

THE AMERICAN LADIES' VISIT.

The American ladies who presented the hospital ship Maine to the British government and received the king's thanks for the gift, without ever asking the leave of the owners of the ship are busied.

The Atlantic Transport Co. which owned the Maine, ought to feel thankful their whole fleet was not given away.

The Beer prisoners have been trying to escape from Bermuda. They evidently do not appreciate Bermuda as a summer resort.

Many of the people pay big money to spend their winters in the "summer islands." Why not bring the Beers to this pleasant summer resort and take them back to Bermuda for the winter months.

The death of Senator George W. Allen, of Toronto, recalls the fact that there are now only four left of the original appointees to the Dominion Senate out of the 72.

These are Senators Armand, of Quebec; Dieck and Miller, of Nova Scotia, and Wark, of New Brunswick. Senator Wark, of Fredericton, is the daddy of them all in point of age and intellectual ability.

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Shobogun, Wis., is a pea-raising district, and recently all the clergymen gave written permission to their flocks to gather the crop on a Sunday to save it.

EXTRAORDINARY NEW PLANT.

Discovery of Species Which Devours Animal Food.

We all know that certain plants absorb and live on insects, but it has only recently been discovered that there are some curious species of plants that actually devour their animal food when given to them in small morsels.

The leaves of these queer plants appear in doublets, like oyster valves. This doublet is closed up from its base to within about three quarters of its entire length.

In the front part it is detached, the two pointed tips forming, as it were, a pair of lips, or a mouth, which the plant can open at will.

Inside this mouth is a kind of passage or throat, which extends toward the body of the plant. This passage has a number of hairy bits about it, which are very sticky, and at the end of each bit there is a sticky substance.

When the plant opens its mouth it is evident that the trap is then set, for upon any insect entering it the lips close upon it at once, forcing it to the gummy substance of the throat. This substance has properties similar to those contained in the gastric juices of the human stomach, which help to decompose and digest the food.

When so digested the food resolves itself into a liquid which is carried all over the plant to nourish and revive it.

The most marvelous thing about this new discovered species is that it can digest such food as small morsels of beef, fish and egg yolks, some of which, dropped into the open leaf, were retained and apparently digested. At the same time anything of a starchy or fatty substance of the leaf or plant is not able to retain. It does not, therefore, close its lips upon it, and if allowed to remain in the mouth the plant will decay.

Fredericton Boy's Brave Act.

A thrilling act of heroism, of which youthful George McKee was the hero, is reported to have taken place a few nights ago on Market street, Brighton.

On the night in question a horse attached to a carriage containing a lady and child took fright near Western Avenue and dashed up the street at a dangerous rate of speed. Many men tried to stop the animal, but were unsuccessful, until Mr. McKee, after taking great risk of injury, brought the animal to a halt—Boston Post.

George McKee is a son of Mr. Hamilton McKee, of Fredericton, and is well and favorably known, particularly as an athlete. It is learned that George was dragged upon his knees for almost the length of a block, but pluckily held to the bridal and brought the runaway to a standstill. He was pretty badly shaken up, but seriously injured.—Gleaner.

An Office Abolished.

Ottawa, July 28.—The appointment of J. A. J. McKenna, as assistant Indian commissioner at Winnipeg, will not increase the expenditure. This salary of \$2,400 will be met by superannuation of T. P. Wadsworth, inspector of Indian agencies at Calgary, whose office has been abolished. Wadsworth's salary was \$2,400.

REPORTS FROM SOUTH CONTINUE GOOD.

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St. Louis, July 29.—Telegrams from Marshall, Booneville, Mexico, Jefferson City and Louisiana among other points in central and Northern Missouri report heavy rains today.

Phoenix, Pa., July 29.—Within the past twenty-four hours very heavy rains have covered all of Central and Southern Arizona and extended down to Mexico.

In some parts of the Salt River Valley the storm assumed extraordinary proportions and in the western part a very large quantity of water fell at Glendale. The wind storm was the worst ever known in this part of the country, causing some damage, taking roofs from the buildings.

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The damage will be offset by the great and to forests in the mountains where fires have been creating havoc.

Burlington, Iowa, July 29.—Reports received here show that the drought in the southeast of Iowa has been effectively broken by a heavy rain which lasted all night. It is believed that the rains arrived in time to largely save the corn crop in this region of the state.

Topeka, Kan., July 29.—In the place of dry weather reports, ruined crops and hot winds in Kansas, news comes of copious rains, unfavorable streams and a restoration of confidence.

Most of the rains have come to the east and central parts of the state, but tonight the reports from the west show the rain has extended through to the Colorado state line.

Concordia reports that 48 hours has been falling there for the past 48 hours at intervals, and that the situation is much improved. During a thunder storm in Concordia Carl Haunnebeck, the son of a farmer, was killed by lightning.

A despatch from Dodge City states Ford county has been drenched today and farmers are preparing to sow feed crops. There is hardly a point in the state that has not received rain during the past week. Corn will not be greatly helped, but ample quantities of rough feed will be raised and the outlook for stockmen is greatly improved. Abundance of water has been provided for stock where there was a great scarcity a week ago.

FOUL LOATHSOME DISBURSTING CATARRH—Does your head ache? Have you pains over your eyes? Is there a constant dripping in the throat? Is the breath offensive? These are certain symptoms of Catarrh. Dr. A. W. Catarrhal Powder will cure most stubborn cases in a marvellously short time. If you've had Catarrh a week it's just as effective as if it's fifty years' standing it's just as effective.

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