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The Same Old Story.

When the Conservative press and Conservative speakers point out that the inevitable tendency of reciprocity must be an increase of American and a decrease of British influence in Canada, government apologists make answer that annexation is a bogey which only excited and morbidly nervous people fear. We are all familiar with the taunt. It was heard in the most offensive tone at the time of the commercial union campaign. A political party in Canada was then proposing a scheme to sweep away all the border custom houses, make a common tariff with the United States against Great Britain and against the world, collect the customs revenue by a joint authority and divide it in some fashion from the common fund. When it was pointed out that this plan would transfer the control of our fiscal and commercial policy to Washington and would practically separate Canada from the Mother country, objectors were ridiculed as cowards and nervous people, [illegible] as they are now, whether Canadian allegiance was so weak that such a commercial union would destroy it.

This scheme of commercial union was supported by Sir Wilfred Laurier and by Mr. Fielding and Mr. Patterson, who have negotiated the reciprocity treaty, by Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. Fisher and Sir Fred Borden, members of the present government. These all supported the unrestricted reciprocity program, which was practically the same scheme, though it did not explain itself so fully. One of the public men who protested against this platform was Hon Edward Blake, who declared that reciprocity as proposed would make Canada subject to foreign control. Mr. Blake frankly stated that the proposal would mean annexation in the worst form in that Canadians would become subjects of the United States without fear of annexation. In those days, as now, every annexationist in Canada was in favor of reciprocity. In those days, as now, the Liberal leaders and their press were ridiculing the apprehensions of their loyal opponents.

Such gibes have no terrors for reasonable people. We know that Canadians are loyal to the Empire, but we do not say that for this reason they can go into reciprocity of the restricted sort, or into commercial union without fear of annexation. We do not say that the people of Canada are so loyal that the 'Imperial bond' and 'parting of the ways' speeches of President Taft, the boast of President Hill that Imperial Union has been smashed by reciprocity, the frank annexation declaration of Mr. Champ Clarke, make no impression on this side of the line. Rather shall it be affirmed more emphatically that the people of Canada will not accept annexation, and for the same reason will reject anything else which points that way. They do not intend to show their contempt for annexation by going close up to it and then turning back, but by keeping away from every appearance of continental union.

The Coming Elections.

In the forthcoming elections entire confidence is expressed by the Liberal press that the Government will be sustained. It is possible to be mistaken, but a good policy never to admit the possibility of a defeat.

It is the people who will decide, not the press of the Liberal or any other party, and although in Canada governments strongly entrenched with the treasury behind them, cannot easily be dislodged, yet opinions change, and with them governments cease to exist.

In 1878 Sir Alexander Mackenzie was as confident as Sir Wilfrid is today, and eighteen years of rule and an issue which stirred the religious feelings of all Canada, failed beforehand to convince Sir Charles Tupper that the last Conservative Government's days were numbered.

In 1905 Sir George Ross went down to overwhelming defeat in Ontario, where he had confidently counted upon fifteen or more of a majority.

On no safer grounds than these may rest the confidence of the Laurier administration to-day.

The News, Toronto, says:—'Three years ago the Government carried forty-two constituencies by less than 250 of a majority. Seventeen of these were in Ontario, ten in Quebec, five in Nova Scotia, and four in New Brunswick. A change of 2,500 votes would have brought about the decisive defeat of the Government. What evidence is there that the Government is stronger now than it was three years ago? Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not gained in personal popularity. The administration has not strengthened itself in the respect or confidence of the country. There is no evidence of any popular uprising in the rural constituencies in favor of the trade agreement with Washington.'

The Liberals of Halifax held a convention on Wednesday evening and nominated Hon. A. K. MacLean and Dr. Edward Blackadder as candidates for the approaching federal election. Dr. Blackadder is a Wolfville boy who has been practicing medicine in Halifax for several years.

The dates of the camps at Aldershot have been changed, the first opening on Aug. 22nd, and the other on Sept. 5th. The troops will be all infantry, except the 14th Hussars, which go in to camp on Aug. 22nd, and the corps of Guide (mounted), who go in on Sept. 5.

Defoliation of Forests By the Spruce Budworm.

Considerable uneasiness and even alarm has been felt by lumbermen and others interested in forest products, over the depredations in different parts of Canada, of the spruce bud worm, (Tortrix fumiferana). It was feared that the spruce might suffer a fate similar to that of the tamarack which was killed by the larch sawfly about twenty-five years ago. As a result, however, of careful investigations begun by the Division of Entomology of the Dominion Department of Agriculture during 1909 and still in progress, the situation appears to be much more satisfactory and reassuring than at first was considered possible.

The destructive work of the budworm was first reported two years ago from Vancouver Island, where the Douglas fir was attacked; and from Quebec, where the spruce and the balsam suffered chiefly. In the case of Quebec, the pests were at first confined to the west central portion of the Province, but during 1910 areas on the east of the St. Lawrence were also attacked. It was this latter circumstance that roused timber owners to a sense of the possible extent of the danger.

While in the caterpillar stage these insects destroy the buds of the spruce and balsam, especially at the tops of the trees. They also bite off the leaves, which, together with the excrement of the caterpillars, cause the tops of the trees to assume a reddish brown appearance. When a large area is attacked it appears as if it had been swept by fire.

As such plagues of air insects can only be controlled by natural means, the Dominion Entomologist visited a number of the infected districts for the purpose of discovering a natural remedy that would meet the situation. Various insect enemies or parasites were found, that prey upon the budworm, and these are being used to destroy the pest. As the percentage of important parasites, especially of the minute species which attack the eggs of the budworm, is unusually large, there is abundant reason for hoping for the extermination of the latter. Judging by previous experiences in studies of this nature, it is not improbable that the insect will be controlled by its natural parasites in the course of a year or two, that is, before it has inflicted any serious damage to the spruce and balsam by repeated defoliation.

Summer School of Science.

The twenty-fifth session of the Summer School of Science has just closed the year of the largest attendance and the most enthusiastic work. 383 students worked hard for three weeks but the work was a pleasure. Nearly every student studied something new and freshened up the old that be taught day after day.

So many lessons were learned directly from nature herself, her ways of protecting, developing and caring for her children are wonderful; the rocks and soils were examined in the fields, by the roadsides, upon the hills and in the school garden.

In the field work we found certain conditions in plants or rocks or soils, then a reason was searched for, vastly different work from conning textbooks.

Many valuable lessons in teaching were learned from the instructors who presented the lessons and from the student-teachers who discussed the lesson and its method of teaching.

Botany, literature, agriculture and drawing were very popular subjects, and every subject was well taught. The Summer School of Science has reason to be proud of its teaching staff. Swimming, too, was very popular, but the class is looking forward to next year in Yarmouth where there will be salt instead of fresh water.

Many of the N. S. teachers had taken Physical Drill, so this year all their energies were put upon chemistry, physics, etc., and the many scholarships that came back to Nova Scotia showed that thoroughly good work had been done.

Nearly every one finds that Drill is a very selfish subject for its occupies both mind and body and leaves very little time for other studies.

Kings county was the banner one in regard to numbers, fifteen made a good showing and five $20 scholarships were brought back with them.

Sir Frederick Borden's scholarship for Kings was won by Miss Marie Calder, of Somerset; Miss Estella Loomer, of Canning; Miss Annie Martin, of Gaspereau; Miss Alice Eaton, of Canard; Miss Nina Davison, of Berwick; were the other fortunate winners.

The Summer School of Science has made a place for itself and many enthusiastic plans are being made for next year.

'Tis a three weeks of work, hard work, but the pleasure that attends it, the meeting of old friends, the making of acquaintances that often become firm friends, the seeing of new places, and listening to well-known men in the educational line all combine into a very delightful vacation time. COM.

On Friday evening at the Opera House will be shown an absorbing Drama Film of the far North 'The Truth About the Pole' staged by Dr. Frederick A. Cook supported by an eminent cast of Prominent Pantomimists, exposing for the first time 'The World's Greatest Conspiracy. This will be an interesting film for both Dr. Cook's friends and enemies to see. 'Cook tells the truth in a film.' N. Y. Journal.

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The marriage of Mr. Cyrus Mitchner and Miss Mary June Davidson occurred at 'Sunnyside' last Thursday evening. No prettier wedding has ever been seen in Hantsport; nor did any young couple ever depart from the town amid more general and more cordial expressions of affection and good will.

The ceremony was performed on the wide verandah of 'Sunnyside,' which had been decked everywhere in the luxuriant green of ferns, locust and clematis. This, in the setting of trees and shrubs, with the well-kept lawns made a most beautiful picture. The hour was half-past seven, just the time when twilight was beginning to deepen, and over the hills at the east the moon was appearing brightly.

The guests, forty or fifty of the closest friends of the bride and groom, were received by Mrs. Elder. The bridal party, forming at a distance on the lawn, advanced through the trees, singing the words of the wedding march. The ushers, at the head, were Mr Frederick G. Burr, Mr. A. L. O. Phillips, Mr. George Ferguson and Mr. Ted Borden. Then followed the six bridesmaids, wearing white and carrying branches of maple-leaf tied with broad white ribbon: Miss Frances Woolaver, Miss Edna Whitman, Miss Eva North, Mrs. Frances Cox Holmes, Mrs. Adria Coalfleet Phillips and Miss Julia Shaw. The matron of honor was Mrs. Marjorie Elder Stevenson, who carried mulberry branches tied with pink satin ribbon. The bride was accompanied by her uncle, Mr. S. H. Mitchner. She looked radiantly lovely in her gown of white Marquisette, with tulle veil caught up with duchesse lace. Her only jewelry was a beautiful cameo pendant, the gift of the groom. Her boquet was of white sweet peas. The groom awaited her with his groomsman, Mr. G. S. Stevenson. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Machum, of Hantsport, using the single ring service.

A reception followed the ceremony. The guests were served with refreshments in the dining room, which had been decorated in green foliage and sweet peas. The refreshments were presided over by Mrs. Hibbert Mitchner and Mrs. Clara Rockefeller, assisted by Miss Leona Mitchner, Miss Bicco Davidson, Miss Marguerite Lawrence and Miss Ruby Comstock.

The bride and groom departed amid showers of confetti, going by automobile to Wolfville, whence they took train for the West and their new home.

The bride's gift to her bridesmaids were very handsome bar pins, to her matron of honor, a lovely ring. The groom's gift to his ushers were pearl scarf pins, to his groomsman, a pair of cuff studs.

The presents were beautiful, including silver, cut glass, linen, paintings and very generous cheques.—Hantsport Advance.

Supreme Court.

The session of the Supreme Court continued from the June term will convene at Kentville on Tuesday, Aug 15th. His Honor Judge Drysdale presiding.

THE DOCKET.

Harborville Reality Co. vs. A. W. Allen & Son	A. V. Pineo / W. G. Parsons
Edward W. Winott vs. Melvin Benjamin	W. G. Parsons / C. A. Tufts
Amos Veinott vs. Davidson Lumber Co.	B. W. Roscoe / V. J. Paton
Samuel N. Miller vs. Stanley Brown	B. W. Roscoe / A. L. Davidson
Sarah Fuller vs. Howard Fuller	B. W. Roscoe / A. V. Pineo
S. L. Cross vs. Howard Smith	F. A. Mosher / A. E. Dunlop

All non jury cases.

Among the many pleasing incidents I have met with in connection with my husband's book, 'Crimean Campaign,' perhaps the most interesting is to note that Mrs. E. J. Morse, of Windsor, is the great grand daughter of Sir William Parsons, Earl of Ross, whose magnificent demesne and castle in Birr, (formerly called Parsonstown,) Capt. Vieth visited in 1853, and whose wonderful telescope and labratory are world famous, to which reference and picture of castle are given in book, thus enhancing its interest to many readers in this province by the sea. A futher bit of history being the fact that Hon. William G. Parsons, who came to Canada in 1817 married Margaret Graham, daughter of Colonel Graham, of the British Army, who fought under Wolfe at the siege of Quebec, and who later owned the land on which the Parliament buildings in Ottawa stand to-day. R. K. VIETH.

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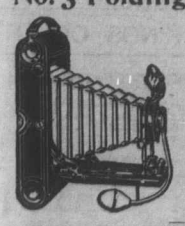

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A salient feature of the amusement programme will be the air-ship flights by Frank B. Goodale, a serial aviator twenty three years of age. The news papers of the United States have devoted a great deal of space to the splendid work of Mr. Goodale, who will make daily flights from the exhibition grounds at Halifax, and who will be seen as an aviator whenever the wind is not blowing more than twenty miles an hour. Besides Mr. Goodale the commission have secured seven good vaundeville acts.

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