

APPRECIATE PROBLEM OF MARITIMES

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demonstrated its value as a winter port. It was necessary to disprove gross mis-statements about the dangers of the Bay of Fundy, and only the day before he had heard of the declaration of a commander in the Royal Navy that if a captain found himself in this bay and could not find his way in absolute safety to St. John he was not fit to be in charge of a vessel. But only a few days ago an Imperial Committee had been here to enquire about marine insurance and other discriminations against the port. It ought not to be so. We want a chance to live and breathe.

What was asked of the west, said Dr. Baxter, was to learn and remember what is reasonable in our claims for the sake of the unity of Canada. Unless that spirit prevails the whole system of federation fails and is like an untied bundle of sticks. No part of the country should be penalized for the sake of any other part, but he asked the visitors to turn their eyes to the eastern section, and see if they could not be given the same or equal facilities at equal cost with those they have had in the past; and if so, give to St. John and Halifax the portion they should have of trade, realizing that this is essential to unity in the Maritime Provinces. These provinces were asked to enter Confederation to give Ontario and Quebec a gateway. Their ports were sealed in winter, and they asked us to come in. We ask no more than to be the gateway, so that the railway lines may use these ports instead of Portland, Boston and New London, and that Canadian money and effort may be devoted to upbuilding a real Canada that does not stop at Montreal.

Manitoba Heard From

R. A. Hoey, M. P. of Springfield, Manitoba, was the first Progressive to reply. He said it was a pleasure and a privilege to come to a section which in the past had given to Canada some of her most distinguished and outstanding men. These provinces had given to Western Canada many of its most sturdy, frugal, progressive and successful pioneer citizens.

Referring to Dr. Baxter, Mr. Hoey said that gentleman had made the Progressives the subject of some of his most scathing and forceful attacks, but the speaker believed they were a group that deep down in his heart the St. John member admired, and some day, no doubt, he would come to know and love them.

Mr. Hoey said that if there was any man he had a tendency to dislike or abhor it was he who spends two or three days in the west and finds a panacea for all its ills. Referring to the present visit to the East he said there were impressions made on the minds of the westerners. The first was that this section has a history. It is anchored to the past as the West is not, and it is well not to detach ourselves from the historic setting which fixes its impression on our institutions. The institutions here he found to be established on principles distinctly British, recognizing liberty, justice and tolerance. In Manitoba forty per cent. of the people were non-English speaking, and twenty languages other than English were spoken.

The people in the East, perhaps, regret the departure of young men and women for the west. Do not regret it, said Mr. Hoey. They bring with them a philosophy of life, a conception of reform, a stability that make a contribution of the first magnitude to western progress. If they in turn become less eastern, we become less western. What is best is best calculated to bind us to the consciousness that we are of one stock, one blood, with common ideals. If these do not hold us, economic consciousness can never do it. In any country must arise from time to time class demands and sectional appeals, and we hear of them in Canada.

It had been said by someone that class consciousness was a step in advance of individual consciousness; but two sessions in Ottawa had convinced him that Parliament was no place for sectionalism or class consciousness. What is required is a humanitarian consciousness, and sympathies as broad as our territory and as deep as the needs of the Canadian people in this crisis. He believed the majority had this consciousness and had faith in Canada; and, said the speaker, "if Canada cannot emerge soon from this crisis, I do not know of another that can survive at all."

Mr. Hoey said the western members were here to see and shake hands with the citizens and return to their tasks better equipped as a result of their stay here. The greatest tragedy in the life of a man is to be denied the right to grow up and earn his living in the land of his birth. That had been his own experience. He loved Canada, which had done more for him than any contribution he could make in return, and if he had fault to find he would leave its shores with sealed lips rather than speak a disparaging word. It was the duty of all to labor for unity and tolerance.

Saskatchewan Speaks

C. W. Stewart, M. P. for Humboldt, Saskatchewan, said that words were inadequate to express the sentiments he felt. The visitors came here expecting to meet new people, almost as strangers, and survey new scenes. All they had seen and all they had met had been far beyond what they had hoped. Of all the pleasant days this was a fitting culmination. They came to get their viewpoint enlarged and to find out what we had. He had been struck by the plain speaking and expressions of feeling with regard to our problems, and the visitors were grateful for this frankness. It was for that they came, most of all. They were in Parliament to bring forward new viewpoints. They came from the narrow places of Canada, and see better now how great is Canada and how varied the viewpoints. When the western farmer sees the grain enter the elevator "that is the last of it for him; but here they saw the shipping and saw the grain again, and got a new viewpoint. He could speak as a land-lover, and Canadian through and through. He had now looked on the Atlantic

for the first time and his horizon expanded. Perhaps some westerners were unduly narrow; perhaps they were too much influenced by provincialism; but they of the west had great problems, and these were to get the worth of their products. Here in St. John they came again in contact with the marketing of the grain and learned it was not their problem alone, but ours, and that we contribute an essential part to the commerce of the country. They wanted to know what our problems are. They wanted every trade facility developed as we do.

The trade should not go through other than Canadian channels. There should be, as Dr. Baxter had said, equal opportunity for all parts of Canada, and where there are undue restrictions the difficulties should be removed and the barriers broken down. Continued adversity affects the point of view, and the west had had experiences that were apt to make them pessimistic, although they really posed as optimists. If in public expressions they drew too long a bow, due allowance must be made because of past conditions not yet forgotten. He agreed that there should be wider knowledge and sympathy to solve problems east and west. He hoped great good would come of this brief contact and help to spread right ideas as to the adjustment of difficulties. He was free to admit that the western viewpoint may have been distorted. As to the Maritime Provinces, he had never heard such frank talk about Confederation, but nobody wants to go out of Confederation as a solution of the difficulties. We are all trying to gather the far-flung positions of Canada and weld them into a home for this and future generations of Canadians strongly united.

J. A. Wallace, M. P. for Norfolk, Ont., said he was glad to hear Dr. Baxter and to have him and Dr. MacLaren present, as both were known in Ottawa for their good qualities. He had believed the saying that nothing was impossible, but must realize that belief, as nothing could exceed the hospitality extended to the Progressives on this trip. It was his first trip east of Quebec. Especially had he enjoyed the fish served down here. He had never got the real taste of our fish until he came. As to the relative hospitality of Halifax and St. John, he could only say that they mutually excelled each other. The spirit back of the welcome was most appreciated, and the visitors hoped to be able some time to reciprocate. They had enjoyed the historic setting of St. John. Even Ontario had not the background of the Maritime Provinces, the cradle of the nation. He wanted to thank these provinces for the splendid men sent into central and western Canada, where they were filling some of the most important positions.

The speaker said that the visitors had heard of the aspirations of these provinces, and concluded that the west is not the only portion that has problems. Those of the Maritime Provinces and the West correspond more than those of either do with central Canada. They must be solved in the right way by taking a broad view. The visitors were here to learn facts and that they might more intelligently discharge their duties. Their sojourn only

wetted their appetites for more. They would like to spend a month in these provinces and learn all phases of their life and problems and aspirations. This concluded the speaking. Canon Armstrong was an admirable chairman. His terse but appropriate comment on each speech and in introducing each speaker was in excellent taste, and not a moment was wasted. The various speakers were heartily cheered and the genuinely social gathering ended with the national anthem.

Advocates Co-operation

That the Maritime Provinces and the Prairie Provinces had the same problems and instead of fighting each other should combine to get a square deal nationally, was the suggestion put forward in an interview yesterday by Alfred Speakman, who represents Red Deer in the Dominion Parliament. To back up his argument, Mr. Speakman said that both the East and the West depended on the basic industries of farming, mining, lumbering and fishing, and both had to depend on export trade for prosperity. To both the question of transportation was a vital one and both had to contend with the centralization of manufacturing in Ontario and Quebec.

Good Business, He Says

He, therefore, contended that it would be better business for them to form a working partnership to secure reasonable transportation for what they had to export than to fight each other and let the other fellow reap and benefit. Mr. Speakman expressed himself as highly delighted with what he had seen on the trip to the Maritime Provinces, and especially with St. John. This was his first visit to this city and he was amazed at evidence of preparedness for traffic. The harbor impressed him very much, and the facilities on the west side met with much praise from him. The potato and cattle sheds he was particularly interested in.

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Urges Wider Use of French to Promote Canadian Unity

Taschereau Suggests Exchange of Teachers in Ontario and Quebec

Toronto, April 21—An appeal for greater unity throughout Canada, and particularly between Ontario and Quebec through the use of the French language, was made tonight at the sixty-third annual meeting of the Ontario Education Association by Premier L. A. Taschereau of Quebec, who felt that no greater compliment could be paid to the province of Quebec by the people of Ontario than through a more careful study of the French language.

"There is a great work which can be done in this respect for the advancement of the unity of Canada," the premier declared, "and in this work the teachers of Ontario can play an important part."

In making this appeal for a unity between the two central provinces, Premier Taschereau pointed out that he was not advocating that they should be arrayed against the balance of Canada, but that these provinces, through a thorough understanding of each other, could hold the balance through times of crisis and could bring about that stability of national importance which would add to the greatness of Canada.

Says Quebec Speaks English Well

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In this respect, a study of the French language on the part of the people of Ontario could be a stepping-stone. Premier Taschereau pointed out that the bulk of the people of Quebec are able to use the English language freely, in spite of the fact that 80 per cent. of the population is made up of French.

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