

COMMERCIAL UNION BETWEEN W. INDIES AND CANADA URGED

Trades Benefits to Dominion and to Islands Would be Great, says T. E. Macaulay—Opposed to Political Union—Canada Needs Storehouse.

Will the British West Indies link up with Canada? Will the union, if consummated, be a political or a commercial one? Will Canada benefit by such a union? Such are the questions that Montrealeers who are following the West Indian news in the daily papers are asking themselves.

T. E. Macaulay, president of the Sun Life Assurance Company and of the Canadian-West Indian League, probably knows more about the situation than any other man in Montreal. Mr. Macaulay has given years to the study of the subject and he has been zealous in his efforts to further the gospel of free trade between Canada and the British West Indies.

He has twice made extended trips to the islands. He has discussed the subject of commercial union with statesmen both in Canada and of the islands, and he has never wavered in his advocacy of union. "Not political union, remember," he said, with emphasis to The Star this morning while discussing in his office the West Indian question.

"It is a commercial union that we need," continued Mr. Macaulay. He reiterated his words: "We need commercial union with the British West Indies. We need it. They need it. Both sides have everything to gain and nothing to lose. We gain a new market for our products and these are the days when the need of markets for our goods is so obvious that it is engaging the attention of every Canadian statesman. In return we get the food products of the West Indies: sugar, tropical fruits, coconuts, rice, etc. Many of these products come to us now through American clearing houses."

He pulled down an atlas from a shelf and opened it at a map of Central America and the West Indies. "The islands fall naturally into two groups," he said. He laid his pencil vertically on the map to show the dividing line between the groups. The pencil lay across the island of Porto Rico.

"With this eastern group, which includes St. Kitts, St. Vincent, Grenada, Dominica, Barbadoes, Trinidad and with which is associated British Guiana on the mainland, Canada already has a trade agreement involving 20 per cent. preferential tariff. Sugar is their great product, but they could supply Canada with coffee, coconuts, rice and a host of other tropical foodstuffs." He went on to speak of the difficulties in the "sugar" islands and British Guiana would have had in marketing their sugar before the war if it had not been for the preference given them by Canada. European beet sugar was going freely into England and was consequently cutting heavily into the West India trade. The war had brought an artificial prosperity to the West Indies, but with the coming of normal conditions the West Indies were beginning to look for a further extension of trade necessary to their prosperity.

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He slid his pencil across to the Southern United States. "Notice where the United States have an economic advantage over Canada," he said. "They have a belt of semi-tropical country within their borders. California, Louisiana, Florida, Bananas are the only big product of the West Indies which are not also produced in the United States. There is only one way in which Canada can gain an equal advantage for herself. Let her find tropical territory with which she can establish close trade relations."

Sir George Foster to whom is due great credit of having brought about the present preferential tariff with the eastern group of the West Indies remarked lately: "Canada needs a strip of tropical country which she can call her own."

Mr. Macaulay looked from his window at show-piled Dominion Square without. "Yes, Canada needs a tropical territory," he reiterated. "Needs it commercially, remember—not politically."

"Commercial union will not only bring to Canada's doors all the products of the tropics," he went on, "but it would provide a new market for Canadian goods. The population of the British West Indies is about 2,000,000. They would absorb an immense amount of Canada's surplus products, particularly grains, flour, condensed milk, butter, cheese meats, lard, codfish, lumber and manufactured articles, particularly cottons and boots and shoes. Canadian capital will develop the West Indies to the mutual advantage of both. But if Canadian capital is to be drawn south 'something more than a trade treaty which could be abrogated at will by either side is needed. The performance of the commercial union must be guaranteed by an agreement ratified by an act of the British House of Commons and as firm as the British North America Act."

Mr. Macaulay pointed to Porto Rico on the map. "That little island is a living example to the other islands of what close union with a big northern market would mean to them," he said. "Since Porto Rico has become an American possession its prosperity has increased by leaps and bounds. It has the markets of the United States at its doors."

Some people he said, seemed to think that Canada could not possibly assist the British West Indies to prosperity in the way that the United States had assisted Porto Rico. Canada's population was small compared to that of the American Republic and her needs were correspondingly smaller. But it must be remembered, he continued, that the United States has a large semi-tropical region within its own borders. Porto Rico is not alone in the field. The British West Indies would be Canada's sole tropical storehouse.

Mr. Macaulay pointed out that the West Indies, if neglected, would come more and more under the States, which already has very large commercial sway of the United States business interests there and Canada's opportunity of securing a commercial foothold in the tropics would eventually be lost forever.

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All the News From Trenton

March 11th, 1919.—There was a good attendance of officers and members at the first annual meeting of the Red Cross Branch of the Local Council of Women, Mrs. Farncomb, president. The reports were all encouraging. A full report of the work done will appear in the near future. At the close of the meeting the usual afternoon tea was served. Mrs. Farncomb and Mrs. Stephen Young were the tea hostesses.

Mrs. Archie McIntyre left on Saturday to visit friends in Toronto and Hamilton.

The Local Council of Women are giving an afternoon tea at the residence of Mrs. C. K. Temple on Monday, St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Angus Mowat, Toronto, arrived in town yesterday and is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mowat.

The Patriotic Working Club are holding their final meeting today after four years of war work accomplished and the money raised etc., will be read by the secretary and also the treasurer.

Mr. George Collins, Mr. J. D. Evans, C.E., resident engineer and Mr. P. H. Fox, superintendent, all of the Canadian National Railway are in Toronto today attending a staff meeting.

Mrs. Joe Berry went to Toronto today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Barclay and family are leaving town for Montreal on Saturday, the 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Carruthers are leaving town next week for Port Arthur.

Two More Soldiers Have Arrived Home

Sapper F. Beaumont of 76 Cedar street arrived home from overseas yesterday afternoon, being the only Belleville arrival from the steamer Toloa. He has been serving with the Royal Engineers and was met by members of the reception committee and his family.

Gunner Jack Ayers of 71 Station street has arrived home from overseas. He came over on the Cassandra and arrived home on Sunday with out any notice having been received of his coming. He went over with the 38th battery and only spent four days in England, having served over 3 1/2 years in France with the big guns, called 60 pounders. He is receiving a hearty welcome from his many friends.

Obituary

MRS. JAS. PRENTICE

Mrs. Jas. Prentice died suddenly on Friday morning, March 7th in the 5th concession of Thurlow. She was born in the 9th concession of Tyendinaga in 1851, being a daughter of the late Wm Cross. The children are Will of Foxboro, Edward of Frankford, Mrs. Downey of Foxboro, Mrs. Thos. Hopkins and Mrs. F. G. Brower of this city. Brothers are Stephen Cross of this city, Richard of Bloomfield and John of Chatham. Sisters are Mrs. Wm. Reid of this city, Mrs. Geo. Dale of London, Mrs. J. Vance of Plintou and Mrs. J. R. Thrasher of Rochester. She was in religion a Methodist, being a member of the church all her life. The funeral took place from the church at Bethel to Foxboro burying ground where interment took place. The floral tributes placed upon the casket were wreath from Bethel, sheet from sister, Mrs. Dale and brother, S. Cross, broken wheel from Will and Edward Prentice and Jno. Downey, and a cross from Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Brower.

JAMES CLIFFORD CLARE

James Clifford Clare, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Clare, of the 5th Concession of Thurlow, was born at Thomasburg in the year 1900 and after a few days' sickness of pneumonia, departed this life at the General Hospital, Belleville, about midnight, March 1st.

Clifford was a bright, cheerful, promising young man. When a boy he gave his heart to God and united with the Methodist Church during the pastorate of the Rev. S. A. Kemp on the Canifiton Circuit and was faithful to the end.

As he approached the sunset of life, prayer, praise and song were ever upon his lips. He was greatly comforted in the dying hour by the presence of his Christian parents, and spiritual instructions of his own father. The funeral service was conducted in the spacious family

residence in the presence of a large concourse of sympathizing friends, neighbors and sorrowing relatives. A comforting opening prayer was offered by an uncle of the departed, the Rev. Geo. R. Clare, of Orono, the chairman of Bowmanville district. The sermon was preached by the Rev. S. A. Kemp, from Psalm 23:4, followed by brief addresses by the Rev. D. R. Clare, B.D., of Warsaw, uncle of the departed and by the pastor, the Rev. J. S. McMullen.

The three hymns used at the funeral, "Nearer My God to Thee," "Will There be Any Stars in My Crown" and "I Need Thee Every Hour," were sung by dear Clifford Saturday afternoon as he approached the sunset of life. The Glee Club choir contributed much to the comfort of the occasion by their service of songs, two members thereof rendering a most suitable duet, "Sometime, Sometime, We'll Understand."

The beautiful floral offerings were from Father, Mother and Wilfred, the broken wheel; Dr. and Mrs. Clare, spray; Gordon and Rutledge Family, pillow; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yorke, spray; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clare, pillow; Mr. and Mrs. W. Treverton, spray; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gartley, wreath; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bleakly, spray; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Huffman, spray; Mrs. Rachel Sheffield, bouquet and Miss M. Hutchinson, spray.

Twelve neighbors bore the flowers, lining the way from the house to the hearse. The remains were interred in Victoria cemetery, Tweed, where the Rev. A. L. Brown, of the Methodist Church, Tweed officiated. The sorrowing parents and lonely brother have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community.

The pall bearers were Ed. Treverton, Frank Hutchinson, Ralph Learinson, Harry Walker, Thos. Keir and Harry Wallace.

MARY H. DAVIS

Mary Hannah Davis, daughter of the late James Davis, of Willowdale succumbed to an attack of pneumonia on Wednesday March 13th at her home at Plainfield.

Busy Court at Madoc Village

Judge Wills Presided—Interesting Huntingdon Case.

His Honor Judge Wills presided at Madoc Division Court yesterday and disposed of a long list of cases, several of which were of considerable importance. The counsel present representing the various litigants were Mr. Carnew and Mr. Butler, of Belleville, Messrs. Stewart and Cross of Madoc and Mr. Baillm, of Bancroft.

In addition to the Division Court Sittings, His Honor heard an application under part 4 of The Landlord and Tenant's Act whereby eject J. D. Cooper from a part of lot 4, in the 11th concession of Huntingdon. After hearing the evidence and argument of counsel, judgment was reserved.

Mr. Cross, of Madoc appeared for Fleming and Mr. Butler for Cooper.

Police Court

Egg Smashers Contribute Four Dollars Each

Eggs proved more expensive in Police Magistrate Whites' court, this morning than they do in the butter market just below the court room. The twelve Cobourg young men who thought it a real joke to destroy fifty dozen of new laid eggs at the Grand Trunk station a couple of weeks ago, paid four dollars each for their fan, a total of forty-eight dollars. Twenty-five dollars of this amount will be turned over to the Canadian Express Company and the balance of twenty-three dollars, the costs of the prosecution goes to the town. Mr. A. J. Armstrong represented the crown and Mr. Hall appeared for the boys.—Port Hope Guide.

MARRIED

Mr. James Edward Reid and Miss Lena Pearl Kennedy, both of Holloway, were quietly married last evening at Holloway St. Methodist parsonage by the Rev. J. N. Clarry, B.A. Mr. and Mrs. Reid will reside in Thurlow.

DIED

DAVIS.—At her residence at Plainfield, March 12, of pneumonia, Mary Hannah Davis, youngest daughter of the late James Davis, of Willowdale, aged 73 years.

County and District

Called to Boyhood Church

Bowmanville, March 13.—Rev. James W. Rae, Newcastle, has accepted a unanimous call from Orono and Kirby Presbyterian Church and will enter upon his new charge about April 1. Mr. Rae as a boy attended Orono church with his parents and now goes back as its pastor. This charge has been vacant since Rev. J. A. McKeen, B.A., resigned last autumn and went to British Columbia. Rev. J. W. Rae is an elder brother of Rev. Joseph J. Rae, D.D., minister of First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Bad Fire at Peterboro

At Peterboro on Saturday fire broke out in a service garage as a result of a gasoline explosion. Three cars were burned and the building badly damaged, although the fire brigade was on the scene in record time and soon had the fire under control. Automobiles belonging to Messrs. Fred Hall, Charles Risher and Dr. King, as well as several others, were badly damaged and the interior of the building was thoroughly gutted. The explosion was caused by a lighted match thrown accidentally into a can of gasoline by one of the car owners, who was waiting while his motor was being repaired.

Omeme Pastor Has Resigned

Omeme, March 13.—Rev. P. J. McInnis, pastor of Presbyterian Church, here has resigned his charge and the matter will be considered at the next meeting of the Presbytery. Falling eyesight compels Mr. McInnis to give up active work for a time. Mr. McInnis spent some time as a chaplain overseas.

Co-operative Creamery Sold

Cobourg, March 13.—The Harwood Creamery which has been run upon a co-operative basis for some years past, has been disposed of to the Flavell Company of Lindsay, who will purchase the cream from the farmers and manufacture the butter. It is expected to commence operations about the first of April.

Propose Memorial Hall

Cobourg, March 13.—A movement is on foot for the erection of a community hall as a memorial to local soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice. It originated with the G.W.V.A. and local chapter of the Daughters of the Empire.

Toy Company Made Assignment

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Magnet Toy and Novelty Co., Bobcaygeon, Wednesday evening the company decided to go into liquidation and make an assignment for the benefit of creditors. Mr. W. C. Moore was appointed assignee. Mr. A. C. McNaughton, barrister of Toronto, attended the meeting as a representative of some of the creditors.

Industrial Council for Harvester Co.

Employees in Big Plant to Take a Secret Ballot

Chicago, March 13.—The International Harvester Company announced that its thirty thousand employees will take a secret ballot on Wednesday on the question of adopting an "Industrial Council" plan giving the workers equal voice with the management in shaping company policies pertaining to working conditions, wages, and all other matters of mutual interest.

In announcing details of the plan, which provides that no employee shall be discriminated against because of "race, sex, political or religious affiliations or membership in any labor or other organization," the company stated that the underlying object is to establish relations between worker and management upon a definite and durable basis of mutual understanding and confidence. Each of the seventeen American and Canadian plants will vote on the question and the plan will become operative at plants where it receives a majority vote.

Under the plan, a "Works Council" will be established at each plant composed of not less than five representatives nominated and elected from the ranks of the employees and a like number appointed by the management. The two groups will have equal voting power on all questions; they will vote separately and according to the unit rule.

A thoroughgoing egotist is usually devoid of the sense of humor.

Cheap Automobile is Now Promised

Ford Says He Will Establish Plants in Canada and United States

Detroit, March 13.—Henry Ford will go ahead with his plans of manufacture of an up-to-date automobile to sell at \$250, and will establish plants in the leading cities of the United States and Canada, according to plans outlined upon his arrival here today from California. The Detroit plant, which will be the largest of the new company, will be erected at once and according to Mr. Ford's statement, Tuesday, will employ more than 200,000.

Mr. Ford was unable to give definite details of the new car but said that it would be a better one than the present car being manufactured in Detroit. His aim is to place an automobile within the reach of every workman, and within a short time he intimated that he would have plants all over the country. Mr. Ford states that the new company will be controlled by himself, Mrs. Ford and his son, Edsel Ford, who will retain the position of president of the present Ford Motor Company.

The new firm will be absolutely separate from the present company, and we hope to make it in time as large a corporation and to establish branches in this country and Canada. The company will manufacture all the cars in this country and Canada and will establish agencies in every European country. Edsel will remain with the present company as president to protect our interests," Mr. Ford continued.

Attorneys of the Ford Motor Company may take action to prevent the organization of the new company, claiming that Henry Ford is bound by contract to turn over all his inventions for the use of the company. Mr. Ford claims, however, that he and his son possess 53 1/2 per cent. of the stock in the present company and he does not expect any trouble in the courts. He believes that the new company will be able to compete successfully with the present company.

Gleanings From the "Banker Farmer" Campaign, III.

"There is no greater problem of reconstruction than that of Agriculture." Rural Education is a timely topic. Much of the 100 million dollars which the Smith Bill in the U.S. Senate proposes to appropriate for education is to improve rural education.

"In the discussion of rural education, the consolidated school will be prominent and justly. In many instances it is the solution of the rural problem."

"All over the United States there are bankers who are co-operating with the farmer. Slowly but steadily the bank-agriculturist idea is extending."

"Mr. George C. Gill, president of Holyoke National Bank was born on a farm. That was one of the reasons why he decided to employ a bank-agriculturist back in Feb. 1914. After 5 years of experience he says:—

"The farmer is learning fast how to use banks, and our experience is that no class of customers is more satisfactory and prompt in meeting obligations than are the farmers."

"Consolidated Schools Must Come if Country Children Get Their Chance"

"It has been a reproach to the American political leadership that so comparatively few of our leaders have clearly visioned the needs of agriculture."

"Victor Hugo said 'open the doors of a school and you close the doors of a prison.' Now I would say 'open the door of an agricultural school and you close the door of a poorhouse.'"—A. B. Brown, cashier of Lockney State Bank, Texas.

THE FARM IS FUNDAMENTAL. We are founded as a nation of farmers and in spite of the great growth of our industrial life, it still remains true that our whole system rests upon the farm; that the welfare of the whole community depends upon the welfare of the farmer. The strengthening of country life is the strengthening of the whole nation. —Theodore Roosevelt.

Requisite on the Farm—Ever-remember and stock-raiser should keep a supply of Dr. Thomas' Electrolytic Oil on hand, not only as a ready remedy for ills in the family, but because it is a horse and cattle medicine of great potency. As a substitute for sweet oil for horses and cattle affected by colic it far surpasses anything that can be administered.

Inquest at Madoc

The inquest upon the death of Joseph Henry H. Mills, which was to have been held at Crookston on Tuesday evening, was transferred for hearing to Madoc, before Coroner Eggleston. There were a great number of witnesses examined and the Chief Inspector of Mines was also in attendance. The jury after some deliberation returned a verdict of accidental death and exonerated the company.

It appears that the deceased's death was caused by an attempt to jump upon a moving hoist as it was rapidly ascending from the base of the mines.

Mr. Carnew appeared for the crown and Mr. Butler represented the family who reside near Ottawa.

MASSASSAGA

March 11th, 1919. Mrs. N. Parliament was a caller at F. Jubys on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ackerman spent Sunday with their son at Mountain View.

Wm. Murray who has spent three years overseas returned home on Friday night. Welcome home Laddie. Rev. Gaull took dinner at G. F. Lent's on Sunday.

Mrs. Baker of Syracuse spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Jose.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Barker is on the sick list.

Mr. H. Wallbridge and family took tea at G. Sprague's on Sunday. Miss Bartlett returned home on Saturday after spending some time with her uncle, F. Jubys.

Roy Vallean and wife are spending a few days at his old home.

Mrs. J. Howatson and Miss E. Anderson took dinner at Rev. F. J. Anderson's one day last week.

All are sorry to learn that S. Wallbridge who is at Belleville hospital is not improving very fast.

Messrs. R. and E. DeLong of O. A. C. are home for a few days.

The president of the Massassaga Cheese Plant has taken advantage of the mild weather and roads and the ice house is being filled.

Mrs. H. Snider has gone to Eldorado for a few days.

Mrs. J. Walker is helping to care for her brother-in-law, Rev. F. J. Anderson who is very ill.

J. A. Weese at latest reports is improving after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wallbridge called at the hospital one evening recently to see their brother.

GILEAD

March 10th, 1919. We were visited by quite a snow storm on Saturday evening and on Sunday, March has also been a very nice month so far, thus we judge that the old bear must have made a mistake this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Yorke returned home after visiting relatives at Verona.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Windover, Miss Hazel Beatty and Miss Nellie Yorke were Wednesday evening visitors at the home of Mr. Wm. Hodgens.

Quite a number in our midst have been sick with heavy colds.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Fred Yorke is much better after her attack of bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Howe, of Plainfield, visited on Friday at the home of Mr. A. E. Sheffield.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morden spent the week-end at the home of Mr. A. Lawrence.

Miss Ada Locke spent over Sunday with her sister Miss L. Locke of this place.

Miss Annie Brown of Tweed is spending a few days at the home of Mr. Wilmot Clare.

Mr. Smith Deane has returned to his home in Saskatchewan, after visiting his sister, Mrs. Hutchinson. Wedding bells are again ringing in our midst.

WEST HUNTINGDON

March 10, 1919. Sawing wood is the order of the day here.

Miss Dorothy Moore spent the week-end with Mrs. Clayton Hagerman.

Friends here were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Miss Stella Mitts, Ivanhoe.

Mr. George Post is on the sick list. Glad to report that Mrs. (Rev.) McQuade is gradually improving. The W.M.S. dinner at the home of Mrs. J. J. Wilson on Thursday last was a success financially and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mrs. J. Kingston, Stirling, and Mrs. T. Donnan, spent last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. E. Series. Several from here attended the reception tendered Pte. W. Wright at his home on Wednesday evening, last.

Mrs. J. Ashley and Mrs. N. Series still continue very poorly. A glass of beer also must be a ha-ha.

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ER WILL

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