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## LET US REASON TOGETHER

"How am I to decide whether reciprocity would be good or bad for Canada?"

This question is being asked by many persons, who are more concerned about being right than to prove themselves partisan.

Some persons will vote with their party because they have always believed it to be the better party, and they still have faith in its judgment. They attend its meetings to approve and applaud, just as they always did. They have no doubts, no misgivings.

But there is a larger number of persons who recognize that their party leaders might be wrong on a great issue, and they seek the fullest information. Such persons, and they are the ones who really settle the policy of the country, are now asking this question:—

"How am I to decide whether reciprocity would be good or bad for Canada?"

It is not necessary to go far afield to get the information which will form the basis of a correct judgment in this matter. There is no mystery about it.

To begin with there are certain simple facts which are clear to every mind. Canada at the present time has a very large trade with the United States. More than half of her total trade last year was with that country. Much of the goods which she imports from the States comes in without paying any duty. Some of that which she exports goes into the States free of duty. On other products duties are imposed by both countries. The new trade agreement simply proposes to put new products on the free list, and on others to reduce the duties, taking care, to protect the manufacturer.

Reciprocity, therefore, does not create any new trade. Its effect would simply be to enlarge a trade that already exists, and must always exist, between two countries lying beside each other for three thousand miles.

What effect will this enlargement of an existing trade have? Answer that question and you have answered the question whether reciprocity would be good or bad for Canada.

Where are we to look for the answer? Right here in St. John and in the province of New Brunswick. The agreement is not going to do anything in Quebec, or Ontario, or the prairie provinces, or British Columbia, that it will not do here.

Let us then get down to cases. What do we sell to the United States? Lumber, fish, and farm products, but nearly all are met with duties. The trade in farm products is small, but capable of great enlargement in a free market.

Would it, or would it not, be profitable for New Brunswick to sell more of its products in the American market?

Regarding lumber and fish there is no doubt whatever. Those engaged in these industries admit that they would profit by the removal of the duties. With regard to the farmers, it is only necessary to point to the more prosperous farmers in the state of Maine to know how free access to the same markets would benefit the farmers of New Brunswick.

It must follow that what benefits the farmers, fishermen and fishermen will benefit all classes in the province. You need not make those engaged in these great natural industries prosperous without adding to the prosperity of all.

There is another fact which will appeal to the consumer. There are certain seasons when fruits and vegetables and some other lines are imported, and we pay the Remove the duty and the consumer a benefit.

section that free trade in farm would keep our markets glutted referred by a simple reference the state of Maine. When

competition ruins the Maine farmer his New Brunswick neighbor may entertain fears, but not before.

Now we have told the whole story. There is nothing mysterious and dangerous hidden in the agreement. It is a mere question of making an already very large trade somewhat larger. With us it is in lumber, fish and farm produce, with a revival of the coasting trade. In the west it is farm produce, including wheat. Manufactures, except a slight reduction in the duty on agricultural implements, which helps the farmer, are not affected by the agreement.

Note the fact also that it is merely an agreement, and not a treaty, and does not bind Canada any longer than the Canadian people are willing to be bound. They can terminate it at any time.

But what about east and west trade and the winter port?

The answer to that is given by railway authorities, such as those of the C. P. R., Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific. They do not fear reciprocity. They know that the east and west trade will continue to grow, and are going on making large expenditures to provide for it. The evidence is right here at St. John. Those who tell any other story tell it to influence votes, in disregard of the plain facts.

But is not Canada's relation to the Empire threatened? Is there not danger of annexation?

There are, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out, but two ways in which Canada can be joined to the United States. One is by conquest. Will reciprocity lead to war? Assuredly not. The other is by consent of the Canadian people. How many Canadians are willing to consent? Are you? No? Then that settles the annexation question.

Canada still has free access to the British market, and is free to make any arrangement she pleases with the mother country. No Canadian need ship a dollar's worth of goods to the States if he prefers the English market.

But what about the favored nations? Canada has nothing to fear from that quarter. If those treaties ever proved troublesome they would be denounced, as was done with certain other treaties some years ago.

There are, however, two real dangers to Canada, which the voter in St. John should consider seriously in deciding whether to support or oppose the government.

One is that if the reasonable demands of the west are rejected by eastern Canada there will arise in the west a bitter feeling toward the east. This would be most unfortunate, and a fruitful source of future trouble.

The other is the condition that would arise if the Quebec Nationalists under Mr. Bourassa should hold the balance of power. Any encouragement given to such an agitation as these firebrands have stirred up among the French-Canadians would be sowing seeds of future trouble.

The triumph of reciprocity would mean greater prosperity for Canada. Its defeat, by the forces now combined against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, would mean discord, and racial and sectional strife.

Mr. Borden wants to know if we will give our heritage to the States. We won't. Nor to Mr. Bourassa.

Premier Haas was greeted at Seaside with "wild enthusiasm." How sad that he declined to be a candidate in this election.

To the horror of the Standard, which deprecates such stage effects, there are to be "flags, transparencies, fireworks, etc.," at the Borden parade next week. Also bands and more bands. Well, well!

Attacks on Sir Wilfrid Laurier will not hide the fact that Mr. Borden has not denounced Mr. Bourassa, or that Mr. Borden's friend, Mr. C. H. Cahan, has gone into print as an apologist of Mr. Bourassa.

The St. John Standard is even making maps to prove that St. John has no natural advantages as a winter port such as would make trade come naturally in this direction. The Standard is decrying the port of St. John and the Canadian trade route. This is a pretty small business. More, the Standard is not telling the truth.

LOTS IN SAME BOAT.

"Decided where you are going on your vacation yet?"

"No; can't seem to find the right spot."

"What sort of a place are you looking for?"

"A place where my pocketbook can enjoy a vacation as well as its owner."

—Boston Transcript.

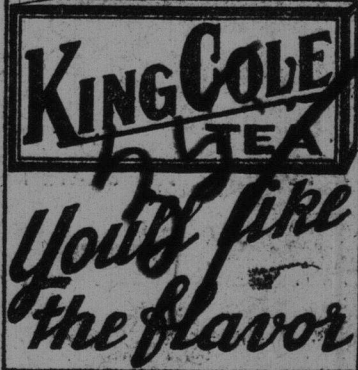
SHORT

The shortest days of all the year

Are these that shortly will be here,

Vacation days.

—Detroit Free Press.



## THE OLD HOME

There's something that clings to the old home,  
There's something I can't find it here;  
It may be a strange kind of comfort,  
But the old home, though humble and lowly,  
To me is a thousand times dear.

This mansion is grand in the building—  
A splendour stands strange everywhere,  
The walls, when I try to be friendly,  
Look down with a vain haughty air.  
Like folks that are high in society,  
True friends they are seldom found there.

So give me the old humble homestead,  
The fire with its warm friendly flare;  
The faces I see in the embers,  
When twilight I sit dreaming there,  
With memories many times grander  
Than those with thy cold empty stare.

There are things which money can't purchase,  
The things in our lives, worth the while;  
We may think that wealth brings us pleasure,  
Such pleasures in youth may beguile;  
But the sweetest things in our life-time  
Are bought with a tear or a smile.

—EWIN BRUCE MAXWELL.

## AUTUMN

There's autumn in the air,  
I do not know from where  
It comes, nor why I know,  
But the fall winds that blow  
Are done with summer rest;  
The colors in the breast  
Of the strong hills grow deep  
With shadows that slow creep  
Toward winter. There's a north  
Which laughs across the earth  
Too wildly, lest the grief  
Of summer find relief  
In tears.

Whence comes the word  
The startled garden hears?  
Who whispers 'neath his breath  
Of that white silence—death?  
—(Gypsy Poets in "Gypsy Magazine.")

## IN LIGHTER VEIN



## SEVERE TEST

"Do you think Scribner and his wife really love each other?"  
"I'm certain of it. She always reads what he writes, and he eats what she cooks."



## SOMEONE'S GOT LEFT

"These shoes, sir, were worn by Charles I. on his way to be executed."  
"He must have limped a bit."  
"No, sir. He walked gracefully and calmly."  
"I'm a don't believe you. Both these shoes are for the right foot."

## DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT

Mr. Bored—Is it I had your voice.  
Miss Bawler (delighted)—Why so?  
Mr. Bored—Well, when I could stop it whenever I pleased—Philadelphia Telegraph.

## OWED EVERYBODY

Morrow—It makes me very uneasy if I owe a dollar to any one.  
Borrow—Great Scott! If I felt that way about it I'd have St. Vitus' dance.

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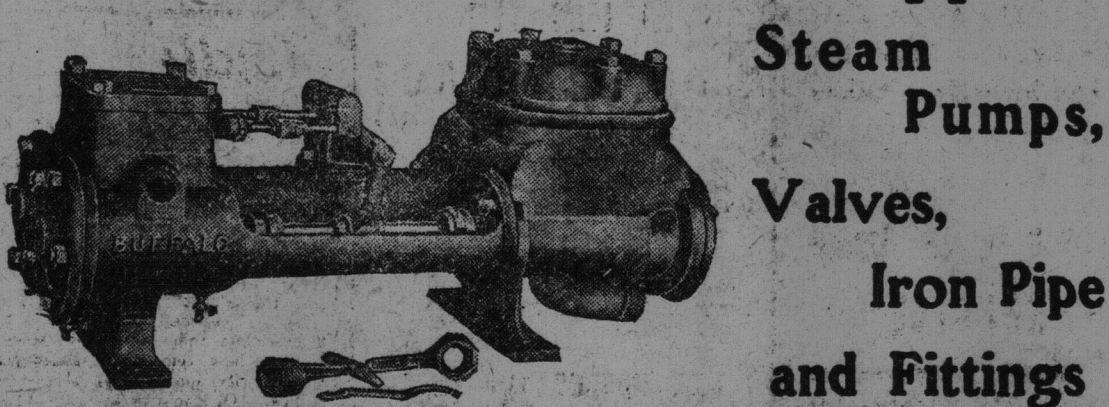
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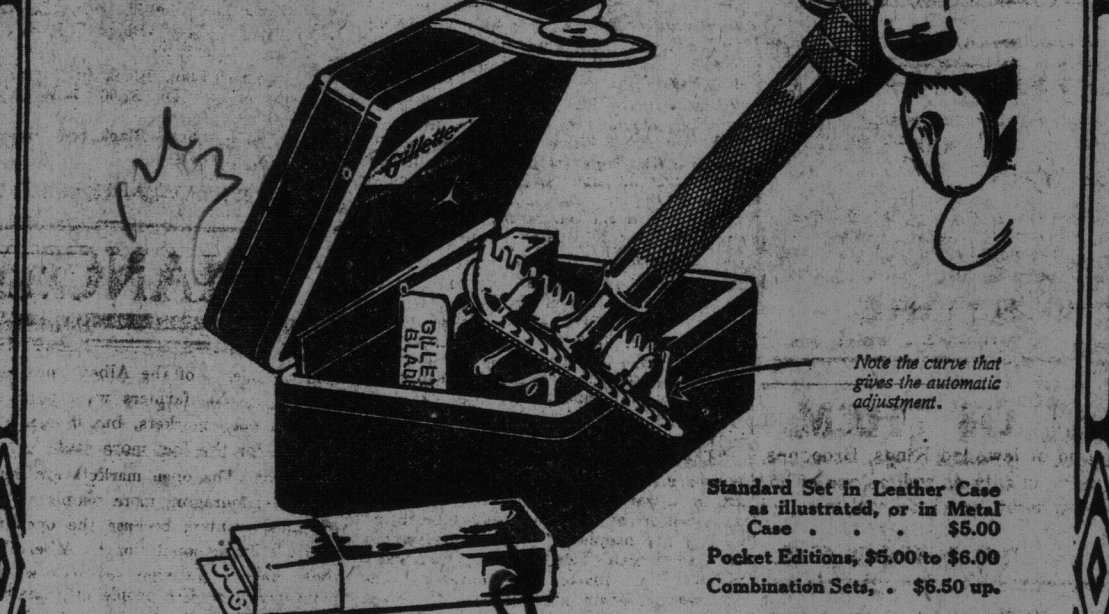
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