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LONDON, THURSDAY, AUG. 17.

CONSERVATIVE WITNESSES FOR RECIPROCITY—NO. 1.

(Extract from Sir John Macdonald's opening speech in the campaign of 1891, delivered at the Academy of Music, Toronto, on Feb. 21):

"It has been said in the Opposition press that we have been rather changing our views. As Sir Charles Tupper has explained, we have been consistent with regard to all questions relating to the fiscal policy and the development of trade and the industries of Canada. We have never varied. Our policy is quite consistent with the desire to extend our trade to all nations of the earth, including our neighbors across the border.

"We have offered to the United States to negotiate like two sensible nations, desirous of getting mutual trade. And what does Mr. Blaine say? He says: 'I think we ought to have a basis to negotiate.' And Mr. Blaine went further, so anxious was he to meet our views. He said that after the 4th of March he would agree to meet the British minister and a delegation from Canada to consider the question, and that is the position in which the matter stands now."

MORE STRONG NOMINATIONS.

The three Middlesexes have now all chosen their champions, both Liberal and Conservative, for the coming fray. In East Middlesex Dr. Routledge will wield the battle-axe for progress. Mr. Duncan C. Ross has a note that usually says something in the west riding. For the north the late member, Mr. A. W. Smith, is again in the field as the Liberal candidate.

Mr. Smith, of Maple Lodge Stock Farm, is one of the largest cattle and sheep breeders in Canada. There is no man better qualified to discuss and judge of the provisions of the pact than he. That he is an enthusiastic advocate of a measure so closely affecting the great industry in which he is a leader, should of itself settle for stock men of North Middlesex the business question of the pact. He is a good type of citizen, thoroughly representative of the constituency whose choice he has already been.

That battle-scarred constituency, West Huron, affords another proof of the effect which the Liberal renaissance is having in bringing out the finest type of candidates. The inexperience this time not of office but of the officeless obstructionists in forcing an election before the legal time, and their attempt to smother the Government's work for the farmer, have roused to the old fighting pitch the spirit of a Liberalism which was in danger of becoming a little sleepy and fat with long prosperity. So good men hearken the call and respond, like Mr. M. G. Cameron in West Huron. He has been twice M. P. and mayor of Goderich for several years. As is the case with many of our political leaders, his father before him was member for the constituency. He is a fighter and an effective speaker. No one would care to insure Mr. Lewis' chances to retain his seat.

In South Wellington, Mr. Hugh Guthrie, according to the foregoing conclusion, is the reciprocity candidate. Manufacturers as well as farmers flock to his support. All farmers should read Mr. Guthrie's observations on the Farmers' Bank and the "Big Interests." His keen analysis of the elements of opposition to the pact and his exposition of the fact that farmers pay far more and the consumers pay far less, should be read by all. Mr. Guthrie is known to be marked for high recognition before long.

The nomination of Mr. Manley Chew in East Simcoe should be noted. He has done brilliant work as the representative of that division, and in his renewed candidacy has the support of such large manufacturers as Mr. J. B. Tudhope, M. P. P. of Orillia, who is about to add to his motor and carriage factories a very large plant for farm implements and machinery. He has confidence in the pact. It goes without saying that the farmers are with Mr. Chew. As elsewhere they will trust the Government which trusts them.

MR. BORDEN'S WEIRD IMAGININGS.

American products will flood the Canadian market, depressing prices, and ruining our less competent farmers (including the American immigrants themselves). Then having impoverished our agricultural population, the Americans will be hungry to get at so valuable a market for their manufactures and will force us into all-round reciprocity, we being either helpless to resist or mesmerized into willingness to accept. Then quickly pressing upon all our raw material and having made a complete waste of this country, they will sternly annex so valueless a land with its troops of sheeplike people, merely to gratify a sense of ownership of a summer tourist region.

This is exactly what Mr. Borden represents as the American design upon Canada. Is it reasonable? Would the United States, anxious as it is nowadays to conserve its resources for the future, seek to suck everything out of Canada in a few short years, or rather to foster our growth with its own that two great countries side by side may contribute mutually to each other's prosperity? The theory, if there ever was such a theory, that one country must make its commercial advantage at the expense of another, is now everywhere exploded. It is recognized that one country's welfare depends largely upon another's. But Mr. Borden would have us believe that when the Americans would enjoy for a thanksgiving feast they first make thin. If they meant to annex Canada they would rather begin by fattening the bird.

If the pact will strengthen Canada, as is certain, will a stronger Canada be easier for the United States to absorb? If it could injure Canada, and if that were the American intention, would that be a good thing for the United States, to enfeeble her best customer?

The Chicago Record-Herald has this to say of what it calls "a false statement" in Mr. Borden's speech on Tuesday night in this city:

"He asserts that the ratification of the reciprocity agreement would end inevitably in the political absorption of Canada by the United States. His reason is that 'it is beyond possibility of doubt that the leading public men in the United States, its press, and the bulk of its people believe it will so result and support it mainly for that reason.' 'Mr. Borden may be able to read the minds of Canadians and disclose their unspoken beliefs. He cannot do it with Americans, or he would make the ridiculous assertion he does. The belief of the American people, press, and public men is that reciprocity would mean freer commercial intercourse between two countries, which would work to the material advantage of both. That is all. They are too practical to believe that the ability of Canadians to sell their wheat and potatoes free in the American market would induce them to ask that their country be absorbed into the United States.'"

And if our farmers got beaten out of our own markets, the Americans would scarcely think us worth annexing. The Record-Herald does not quite grasp the real argument of the Borden party that it is the Americans who are going to sell us all the wheat and potatoes, and thus lead up to annexation. So ludicrous a supposition is really a hard matter for either the American consumer or the American farmer to get into his head at all. Even Mr. Borden's most partisan audience perhaps wonder at the phantasmagoria.

More grist for the Government mill. Another big miller, Mr. N. H. Stevens, of Chatham, is out for reciprocity.

Sir Henry Dalziel, M. P., has introduced a Scottish home rule bill. It will come to that sooner or later, probably sooner.

Premier Borden of Alberta declares for reciprocity, in opposition to his brother, Clifford. The Premier is certainly the bigger figure in the West today.

"It helps the farmer, and it doesn't hurt me," is the reasoning of the shrewd manufacturer on the reciprocity pact. To deny the farmer this help, is not the way to get his help another time.

The plutocrats who send millions of Canadian money to the United States for a profit, but acent treason in the farmers who wish to send more home there, are very properly rebuked by Mr. Hugh Guthrie.

marks about the speaker's ears, may we ask whether they heard the ring of conviction in Mr. Borden's speech in 1904 at Montreal? On that occasion he said:

"There was any idea that a reciprocity treaty with the United States would in any way interfere with self-government in Canada? No."

"Let well enough alone" might seem to be the slogan of Conservatives satisfied with the Laurier regime. In reality it is the age-long watchword that leaps to the lips of those who oppose reform on instinct in every land and clime. "Whatever is best," said Pope, the typical Tory poet of Queen Anne's day. "Let us sleep upon it," was the constant reply of Hapburg conservatism to any proposal of reform. It is as either the holder or the hanger-on of existing privilege, that the true Conservative is always satisfied.

REVISION. (Judge.)

Suitor—I am afraid that I am not worthy enough to be your daughter. Parent—Bosh! The point now is, Are you worth enough for her?

DENSE. (Washington Herald.)

"These summer borders are hard to please." "What's the matter now?" "They're kicking because I ain't got no field of shredded wheat to show 'em."

OR LIKE A FISH.

Maud—Charles is so poetical. When I accepted him he said he felt like an immigrant entering a new world. Ethel—Well, there's sense as well as poetry in that. Wasn't he just landed?

A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION. (Louisville Courier-Journal.)

"Your ode to Niagara is the real thing. I felt that way when I first saw the falls." "I have never seen the falls," explained the poet. "I got the idea from reading a railway booklet."

HUMAN NATURE. (Birmingham Age-Herald.)

"Crooked weights and measures have been used since the year 869 B. C." "What makes you so positive of the date?" "That's when weights and measures were invented."

BEATS THE DUTCH. (Philadelphia Record.)

D'Auber—Your daughter paints in the Dutch school, does she not? Mrs. Newrich—Not much she don't! We pay \$50 a quarter to give her private lessons at home. Dutch school, indeed!

HE MAY BE SURE. (Chicago Record-Herald.)

When a girl says no to a man who has lots of money he may be sure that there is something serious the matter with him.

THE SUMMER GIRL. (New York Telegram.)

She looks so cool, and yet the sun is hot enough to melt her. I vainly tried to get her to come to the beach and swim with me.

A SEA NOT ALWAYS SEEN. (Hamilton Spectator.)

The tide created by the sea is pressing round of men who shall sink their own welfare in the sea of universal good.

THE FARMER'S INTEREST EVERYBODY'S INTEREST. (Stratford Beacon.)

If we promote the prosperity of the farmer, we shall undoubtedly promote the prosperity of the whole population of Canada.

THE PROPOSED REMARRIAGE OF MR. ASTOR. (Chicago Record-Herald.)

It is significant of the tendency of the United States concerning marriage that so much opposition is being voiced by clergymen and laymen to the forthcoming marriage of John Jacob Astor, one of the wealthiest men in the country and the father of children by the wife who divorced him for marital infidelity, to a Madeleine Talmage Force, aged 19.

Mr. Astor's wealth cannot buy for him the sanction of the Episcopal Church, of which he is a member, nor of the laws of New York State, to his remarriage. It cannot buy for him the services of most churches of other churches—perhaps not of any one—but of even a justice of the peace who looks upon marriage as a sacrament not to be lightly entered into. At the letter of a New Jersey justice, eager for a fee, shows, it can buy him the performance of a civil marriage that will be valid outside of New York.

Not many years ago it might have been taken for granted that Mr. Astor could remarry and have the ceremony performed by a clergyman in good standing in some denomination. If he succeeds in finding a clergyman who will undertake the responsibility, he will injure himself for future church work by the act. The churches and the public demand fewer marriages of persons divorced as Mr. Astor was divorced.

The disparity of ages between Mr. Astor and his prospective bride would not be a matter for serious public concern, if considered alone, though the youth of Miss Force makes it seem probable, to sober-minded persons, that she is a victim of a morbid desire for a dazzling flame of great wealth. And there are many possibilities of unhappiness in such a marriage.

If the attention that is being called to the case of Mr. Astor has no other practical result it should strengthen the movement for uniform marriage laws, and the unsatisfactory present condition of things as to marriage and divorce makes ludicrous in the United States to be a highly civilized country.

NICE GIRL. (Boston Transcript.)

Dick—There's one thing about Louise: she never repeats stories about her women friends eyes of other Ethel—Repeats? No, indeed; she starts them.

GENEROUS GIVER. (Lippincott's.)

Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, the eloquent

New York clergyman, at a recent banquet said of charity:

"The meaning of charity as the master misinterpreted the Scriptural text. This master, a pillar of a western church, entered in his journal: 'The Scripture ordains that, if a man take away thy coat, let him have thy doublet. I have no fear, I shall charge more for mending than I could sell the umbrella for.'"

ALTERNATION. (Puck.)

Farmer Silow—Do you alternate your crops? Farmer Timothy—Yep; have 'em killed by one thing one year and another the next.

NOTHING TO FEAR. (Red Hen.)

Lady—Yes. I've an umbrella that needs mending; but how am I to know that you will bring it back? Umbrella Mender—Have no fear, mum. I shall charge more for mending than I could sell the umbrella for.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

One Will Likely Be Held to Dispose of Much Business.

The next regular meeting of the city council will not be held until Sept. 5. It is more than likely, however, that a special meeting will be held in the interim. The question of delegates to the convention of the Ontario Municipal Association has not been settled, and it will be necessary to appoint representatives to this session. An action to send delegates to the Dominion Municipalities Convention at Quebec in September has also been received, and it will be necessary to dispose of that matter. It is more than likely that some of the aldermen will be sent to the Toronto meeting. The council will probably go to the Ontario Convention, and the aldermen spoken to are of the opinion that the next regular meeting will give sufficient time to dispose of the matter. A well-defined opinion now among the aldermen is that it would be unwise to undertake a large legal expenditure to fight the suit.

TOOK SILVER SPOONS FROM HER MISTRESS.

Young Ingersoll Girl Gets Into Trouble With Police.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Aug. 17.—Yesterday afternoon Chief Goodman received a phone call from Mrs. Roy Miller, saying that a half-dozen silver spoons were missing from her home, and suspicion fell upon a young girl, 13 years of age, who had been in her employ a short time. The girl, who is the daughter of a man who had been in her employ a short time, was examined by the chief and magistrate. The girl's father, a representative of the Children's Aid Society, was also present. The girl was taken to the police station and will be held until next Wednesday.

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ALL-WOOL CHEVIOT SUITINGS, in all the leading shades, yard..\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50  
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Misses Mabel and Verna Lanning, of Tilbury, are visiting relatives here. Mrs. J. Thanning is the guest of relatives in Thamesville.

TILLSONBURG.

Tillsonburg, Aug. 17.—Mr. T. Atkin, of the Traders Bank staff, is spending a few weeks' holidays at Buffalo. Mr. G. H. Buckrell has returned from Matheson, New Ontario, where he has spent the past few months in the lumber business. Mrs. W. N. Burn and son Grant have returned to their home in Porcupine. Miss Addie Sporenburg has returned to London after a visit with her brother here.

AYLMER.

Aylmer, Aug. 16.—The electrical storm on Tuesday morning did considerable damage in this vicinity. A barn, owned by Frank Vale, of Fairview, was destroyed by fire at an early hour. The fire was caused by lightning striking the barn. A quantity of hay and grain, as well as some farm implements, were destroyed.

WEST MISSOURI COUNCIL.

The West Missouri Township council met in the Masonic Hall, Thorndale, on Wednesday, Aug. 2. All the members were present. Minutes of last meeting read and signed. Moved by Wm. Wiseman, seconded by J. G. Goarley, that the council adjourn to hold the adjourned meeting of the court of revision on the 26th, Dyer and Roulet drains bylaw, 1911. Carried.

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