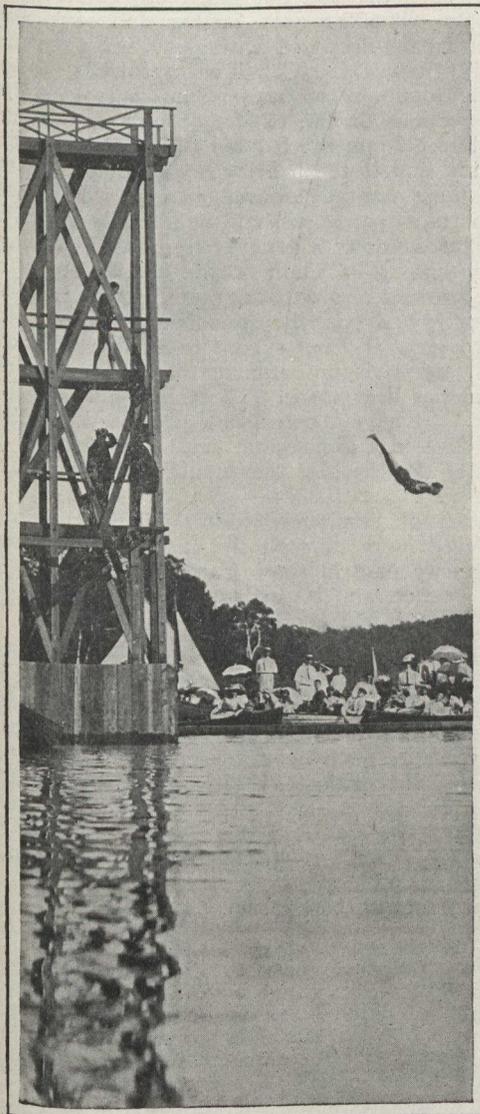


INTERNATIONAL SWIMMERS



J. P. Lyons, of the Montreal Swimming Club, won the high diving championship.

Photographs by J. H. Jost.

A FEW days ago the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association held its championship meet at the Waegwoltic Club, North West Arm, Halifax. The feature of the day was the spectacular work of New York swimmers who competed with Canadian athletes. The Americans cleaned up four of the six events. Arthur McAlleenen, the New York Athletic Club's sixteen year old phenomenon, and R. M. Ritter, of the City Athletic Club, New York, were the American champions. Ritter was first in the three swimming events which he entered. McAlleenen was the victor in the Variety Spring Board Diving event. Two Canadians who excelled were J. P. Lyons, Variety High Diving champion, and Sam Silver, chief of them all in the 220 yards—breast stroke. Both these men belong to the Montreal Swimming Club.

It was the diving which particularly appealed to the enthusiastic crowd who watched the aquatic stunts from canoes lined ten deep along the course. In this respect the water gymnastics of the American athletes was a revelation to Haligonians.

The meet at Halifax, in which men from both sides of the line competed, was another highly successful sporting entente between this country and the Big Neighbour. The decorations of the Waegwoltic Club for the occasion were carried out with an international suggestion in the colour scheme. After the programme, Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, presented prizes to the winners.

The Waegwoltic is to be congratulated for carrying out such a meet. There is much swimming and diving at various resorts during the summer in Canada, but outside of college tanks, competition in the sport is not as common as in others. Such contests produce expert swimmers. They tend to lessen the possibility of fatalities, when people disport themselves on the water.



Swimmers of two nations in tournament at Halifax. Left to right: Ritter and Behrens, of New York; Patterson and Ringwood, of Halifax; Earl, of Montreal; McAlleenen, of New York, and Tyrer, of Halifax.



On the banks of the Waegwoltic Club, watching the water gambols.

OUR RECIPROCITY CONTEST

THE CANADIAN COURIER is offering a prize for the best 100-word letter on reciprocity. For conditions see last week's issue. Each letter must begin, "I shall vote Conservative," or "I shall vote Liberal." The following are some of the letters which arrived on Monday:

Editor Canadian Courier:

Sir,—I shall vote Liberal because I think the first duty of a voter is to help the government to "mutual advantage," which is the definition of reciprocity, and the best way to preserve peace and respect between the American and the Canadian.

The "Pact," as it is called in the Press, embraces foodstuffs particularly, and in this way surely the poor all round will benefit, as the most of eatables are interchangeable duty free. The last, though not the least, reason, is the proximity of the Century of Peace, and the celebration of which will go a long way towards making World Peace.

HISTORICUS.

Toronto.

Editor Canadian Courier:

Sir,—I shall vote Liberal because under reciprocity I should not see 150 tons of hay rotting in my barn.

I should not see berries rotting on the vines because of a glutted market.

I should not be compelled to feed barley to my hogs, when each bushel would buy 21-2 bushels of corn, one being equal to the other as pig-feed.

And because I intend to be guided by my own judgment, and not by the advice of a politician who was led to oppose reciprocity because of party exigencies—it is a business question.

A THINKER.

Hamilton.

Editor Canadian Courier:

Sir,—I shall vote Conservative because I usually do so and because I see no reason to change. Com-

mercially, the reciprocity pact may be of some benefit, but it will also do some harm. It will give the farmer increased prices for some things and lower prices for others—at different seasons perhaps. But it will upset our present avenues of trade and it will be a bad precedent. The advantages and disadvantages being nearly equal, I shall not change my party allegiance.

Again, I think it would do the Liberal party good to go out of office for a while, and the Conservative party would be benefitted by a change. We do not change our Governments often enough. If the Liberals go out of office, some evil influences will find their level.

PARTISAN.

Toronto.

Editor Canadian Courier:

Sir,—I shall vote Liberal because a poor man has no right to vote with capitalist who upholds the prices of food and keeps wages down, and who spends the money made in Canada, in New York, London, Paris, Vienor, and elsewhere, for articles thei can got, right hier, better made and better quality.

Because thos are the real suporters of the Conservatives, who are trying to kill the reciprocity and in their mockery (help the farmer) are usurping the rights of 70 procent. All the other workers whos wages since last 10 years dit not ingreis 25 procent. But living expences has ingreisid 100 procent.

That's why, yours,

LADIES' TAILOR.

Montreal.

Editor Canadian Courier:

Sir,—I shall vote Conservative, because I do not regard "Reciprocity" as solely, or even chiefly, a commercial proposition. The commercial benefits are problematical. The risks of entanglement are serious.

Because I do not believe that Canada has reached

such a strong national position that she can with impunity associate herself more closely with a powerful neighbour and take the risks of arousing powerful influences against her attempt in the future to follow her own independent development.

Because I believe we should make every effort to strengthen "the imperial band reaching from England around the world to England again."

EDWARD APRIL.

Toronto.

Editor Canadian Courier:

Sir,—I shall vote Liberal. This country will probably be a long while neighbour to the United States. It is essential that trade between countries so contiguous be as free as possible without impairing the interests of either. A measure of reciprocity in natural products is in the interests of Canada as a great producing country with the largest one-flag market in the world at her doors. I shall vote Liberal because the Conservatives for party purposes are trying to make ultimate annexation an issue. But I shall vote Conservative at the very next election if the Liberal party, returned to power, show any symptoms of jeopardizing the interests of Canada either as a nation or as part of the British Empire.

INDEPENDENT.

Toronto.

Editor Canadian Courier:

Sir,—I shall vote Conservative, first, because it is time for a change. The Grits have become an oligarchy. Second, because the leader of the Liberals has ceased to be a serious statesman and has become a mere political actor. His fine professions in 1895 he has abandoned for the sake of merely staying in office. The British Preference he has made merely a side-show to reciprocity. He has exalted geography at the expense of history. He is playing a personal game. Laurier's real political motto is worse than that of Louis XIV. Louis said "L'etat c'est moi." Laurier says—"After me the deluge." But this country can't afford a deluge. We want good government right away.

NEMO.

London.