

RECOIL-BOOITY.

A Bill has been introduced into the U. S. House of Representatives for the purpose of authorizing the President to negotiate a new reciprocity treaty with Great Britain. Can, timber, lumber, salt, etc. (excepting grain and cattle, we believe) to pass from between Canada and the United States. The Canadian to have free access to American waters, and the Canadian Government to open up the St. Lawrence Canal to us for the purpose of the passage of an iron vessel. There is no doubt on our side that an equitable commercial treaty with the States would greatly benefit Canada—in fact both countries. It is true we have prepared notwithstanding the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty, that our resources have been largely developed, and that we have sought out independent markets of our own; but it is equally true that it would be beneficial to have a choice of markets. Hence we would not object to Canada not caring a fig for the United States markets as we should gain. At the same time, we must see that we get full value for everything we come to. The sound position of Canada to-day ought to prevent any serious overtures, and we have no doubt our rulers will see to it that we are not subjected to any sharp tactics. Although we have argued strongly in favor of a limited protective tariff in order to meet the Japanese policy which has been pursued by the American Government for the past few years, we should rejoice to see free trade between the two countries if the thing could be accomplished. In the meantime we will be investigating to reach the progress of the negotiation.

Congress on the Salt Tariff.

A change is coming over the spirit of our countrymen and they have made up their minds to destroy the gigantic Ohio salt combination which was first by a system of extortion. Our American legislators feel rather inclined to accuse themselves for providing them with a selfish supply of salt which has caused them to pay twice or thrice more for the article than if they imported it from Ontario. They have at last discovered, that legislators and electors, that they have been, for years we have endeavored to show them, the victims of the salt trust which has trampled, tyrannized and bagged, which were always trying to "give, give," and could never be satisfied. We congratulate the Buffalo Express on having reached the light. That organ is now making a manly stand in the interests of the people, and from it we copy the following witty statements of

the salt trust.

"The tariff on salt is the most important vote before the House, by the repeal of which before yesterday we have reduced one half, in 10 cents per 100 pounds in bags. The infamously low price of salt is shown by the following exhibit of recent importations at Baltimore and Philadelphia in the vessel named:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Quantity, Price. Includes entries for Edward, Egan, Egan, Egan, Egan, Egan, Egan, Egan, Egan, Egan.

The American people have been compelled to pay this tax of 100 cents per ton in gold. The House of Representatives, on the 21st inst., Mr. Reeves (Dem., N. Y.) offered a resolution directing the Committee on Ways and Means to report to the House a bill reducing the present duties on salt to one cent per bushel. The previous question was rejected by 71 yeas and 110 nays. Mr. Corbin (Rep., N. Y.) moved to reconsider the vote of 71 yeas and 110 nays. Mr. Corbin (Rep., N. Y.) moved to reconsider the vote of 71 yeas and 110 nays. Mr. Corbin (Rep., N. Y.) moved to reconsider the vote of 71 yeas and 110 nays.

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DECLARATION DAY IN GODERICH.

A GRAND SUCCESS!

FOUR THOUSAND PEOPLE PRESENT.

EXHIBITION GAMES.

THE BEST OF ORDER MAINTAINED.

We stated in the Signal of last week that the celebration of Dominion Day would be one of the grandest affairs ever witnessed in this town, and we are happy to say it was not disappointed. It was really a grand affair and everything went off splendidly.

EMIGRATION.

The subject of emigration is one which is becoming every day more popular. Upon its progress mainly rests the population which is in the immediate future to go up upon the millions of acres of waste Canadian soil which only admit the emigrants of honor labor to team with the confederate of life. Our country has made extraordinary efforts to induce emigration, and with a good degree of success. But there is a class of immigrants who cannot and will not be satisfied with Canada. They come from manufacturing centers at home where each man has his 120 or 150 and would not move of travelling off it than he would of leaving his home on foot. They are the men who have here, in the green, and hence, they sit down and sigh for the fish pot and plan pudding of old England. They ask the prices of the necessities of life in Canada, and finding some of them (say, oranges, marmalade and bread) are dearer than in England, they raise their hands in holy horror. But they entirely forget the vast difference there is in the rewards of labor at home.

For the work which the laborer at home receives, he gets pay his shillings—for the same work he gets here five shillings. There is a solution of this problem, and surely it requires no great amount of logic to see the point. Of course emigrants have and must have, generally, hardships to endure in a new country like ours. Our forefathers and some of ourselves had to rough it in the woods of Huron for example—had to live in cabins of wood, covered with hollowed out scoops, and roofed with pine logs—had to eat coarse bread and plain pudding. But after all most look back to the old time as the most happy and contented of their Canadian life. Many of the settlers were laborers, artisans, well educated men at home, but no matter, they took off their coats and axe in hand attacked the primitive forests. The monarchs of the woodland crashed to earth and soon crumbled to ashes.—Openings appeared, and to the virgin soil, even under the most primitive tillage yielded one hundred fold. And now look at the splendid fields of our new emigrants; see the broad fields of waving corn; the splendid orchards, the handsome residences, and the manifold independence of well clad, contented farmers, who fear no riotous cry for bread and who make no needless competition. Yes, Canada is a country where every industrious man may secure a home with all its comforts and blessings. The free possession of a portion of mother earth which he can call his own, is an inherent desire on the part of every man. From the Prince of Wales to the last cabin on the prairie, the desire in England! No! Here in Canada though. We might enlarge upon the necessity of trying to encourage the emigrants from Germany, Sweden, etc., to come here, but we refrain, and conclude by quoting the following from a letter written by a prominent Church of England clergyman with regard to Canada:—

"Wages are fair and good, food, especially the best, and the climate is moderate, clothes (inferior save a trifle) dear, furniture and household articles, about the same as at home. Of land, free grants are given to married men, and small farms of 100 to 150 acres are given to single men. The schools are excellent and superior to the best in England. Churches are good, chapels abound. Saving banks, trade societies, temperance and other meetings, are ably and satisfactorily conducted. The weather though cold, is very bearable, and natives and emigrants being well filled in, endure the cold with comparative immunity."

THE RED RIVER COUNTRY.

INTERESTING CONVERSATION WITH A PORTUGUESE LADY FROM HURON.

HE INTRODUCES THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVE FROM HURON.

On Thursday last we had the pleasure of conversing for several hours with Mr. Farquhar McLellan of Portage La Prairie, Red River Settlement. Mr. McLellan is a stalwart, hardy specimen of the Scotch settler—a man who is evidently not afraid to rough it if necessary. His object in visiting Huron was to purchase a separator, which he did from Glasgow, McPherson & Co., Clinton, and when it reached his destination it will be the first implement of the kind ever introduced into the settlement, although there are several open threshers there. The talk of conveying such a bulky, awkward article to the Portage is a herculean one, and will cost \$700.00, but Mac is just the man to tackle the job. We wish him every success in his enterprise. He says he has a large quantity of last year's wheat crop threshed when he gets home.

McLellan was a prisoner in Fort Garry when poor Scott was shot, and although naturally a violent abolitionist, he says the reports about Scott lingering so long after being shot are pure exaggerations. He (McLellan) was one of the party that left the Portage to release the prisoners in the Fort and was captured by Red-heads and imprisoned in the Fort.

We stated to him the story of the N. Y. Sun with reference to the alleged interview of Gov. McTavish, who was said to have asserted that the Red River country was not an agricultural point of view, and that 24 bushels of wheat per acre was considered a large return. Mr. McLellan says is an admirable idea of what the country is capable of. He had that Mr. McLellan says and declares positively that he has raised under ordinary circumstances from twenty to thirty bushels of prime wheat per acre! He added that having been intimately acquainted with Governor McTavish he was satisfied he never uttered a syllable of the nonsensical language attributed to him.

Mr. McLellan says that although he would like to live in Canada for the rest of his life, he would not advise any one to do so until the expense of the new home is paid in whole or in part. Several crops do well, hardy corn, native, small fruits in abundance, potatoes and other vegetables produce amazingly well and pastures are unlimited. His invitation was stopped for forty years before he went upon it—he has cultivated it for nine years and yet has not cleared it up. He has not needed a pound of manure. He accounts for this in two ways: one, by stating that the soil is from two to six feet deep, being, in fact, practically inexhaustible. In view of these facts, and of the vast region available to the husbandman, Mr. McLellan presents an enormous influx of settlers which existing troubles are satisfactorily adjusted.

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In trying to wiggle out of this position relative to the County Printing the editor of the Signal paper is not only guilty of prostration but of personalities such as might be uttered by any great vulgar hulk of a street Arab. The fundamental point to be noted is that he was exonerated by every one of the Review of Huron from the charge of the County Advocate press by which he had been so much publicly unjustly. That we do not make any mistake, on the contrary many of the Review and several of the members of the printing committee went away with a very strong impression that the Editor had not done the clean thing, but, as they said, they had already paid what we regard as an unjust amount, and to decide that it was incorrect would be an act of self-denial. That kind of exonerated him like what we once heard John Richards say to a prisoner: "John Jones," he said, "stand up, I judge you are not guilty. You are now discharged, but you had better be cautious how you turn double-breasted!"

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