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Senator King Shows How Reckless Conservatives in Discussing Reciprocity Agreement Have Exposed Weakness of Their Opposition—People to Be Greatly Benefited—Some Amusing Contradictions.

Monday, April 3

That the farming, commercial, and Canadian industrial interests in general are bound to be greatly benefited by the reciprocity trade agreement is the opinion expressed by Senator G. G. King, who arrived in the city yesterday from Ottawa, and who is on his way home to Chipman. "This is especially shown by the fact," he said to a reporter for The Telegraph last evening, "that the only persons who dare attack it are the capitalists, manufacturers and millers."

Contradict Themselves.

"It has been attacked by the Conservatives but their arguments rather than hurt head strength to the movement. Their very admissions went against themselves. They go into the country and they tell the farmers that their day has passed, for following the ratification of the tariff arrangement, American produce will flood the market. Then they go to the consumers and tell them that they will be able to get nothing in the line of produce, for as a consequence of this same movement, the farmers will be shipping everything into the United States. An open contradiction and a blank absurdity."

"In West Toronto, where the opposition is most strenuous, the fact that an association as an inevitable result. Yet, if these same people had their own way, there would not be a subsidized steamer coming to St. John. Conditions would be exactly the same as they were before the Liberal administration took a hand, and the American ports would be reaping the benefits."

Sir Edward Walker's Weak Argument.

Speaking of some of the articles affected, Senator King referred to the discussion which he had with Sir Edward Walker over the lumber question. "Like many others, Sir Edward advanced the argument that the removal of the duty of lumber would be the ruin of the lumber industry in British Columbia. Yet the fact remains that the duty on lumber imported into British Columbia was removed

OBITUARY

James R. Ross.

Saturday, April 1.

Many learned with regret yesterday morning of the death of James Richard Ross, of Charlottetown, son of Elijah Ross, the veteran seaman. Mr. Ross was only 29 years of age and won an enviable reputation in aquatic sports, having taken part in several regattas, and excelled as an amateur single sculler. And he was known as a "clean sport" which means much in the athletic world, and signifies that he was, every inch of his powerful frame, an honorable man.

He had been ill about six months, having contracted tuberculosis, and passed away yesterday morning about 5 o'clock. He leaves his wife, who was Miss Pearl Gibbons, his bride two years ago; his father, and one sister, Mrs. W. Beattie, of West St. John.

Mr. Ross was an active member of Ludlow street Baptist church, and also belonged to the men's Bible class connected therewith. He was also a member of Granite Rock Division, S. of T., and of Tilley Lodge, G. T., besides being corporal in No. 2 Co. Garrison Artillery, No. 5. He met last evening at the home of his father for the funeral tomorrow, in which Major Smith's company will take part.

Mrs. W. J. Kelly.

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Many friends will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Alice Kelly, wife of W. J. Kelly, of the J. C. R. baggage department, which took place at 7:30 yesterday morning. The esteemed lady had a host of friends who will share the sorrow of her surviving relatives.

Two sons, two daughters and three sisters survive her. One son, W. D., is in the C. P. R. service in this city, and another, M. A., is in New York. There are two daughters, Alice and Mary A., at home, and three sisters, Mrs. George Maxwell, Mrs. J. Daley and Mrs. Nickerson, Mr. Kelly and his family were highly sympathetic of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. George E. Jones.

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The death occurred at her home, 44 Erie street, yesterday of Mrs. George E. Jones. She was only 27 years of age and was a daughter of John Neary, of this city, and leaves besides her father and sister, Mabel, a husband and little daughter.

Postmaster F. A. Stevenson.

St. Stephen, March 31.—(Special)—The death occurred here tonight of F. A. Stevenson, postmaster at St. Stephen, in the 65th year of his age. The deceased was taken to Chipman hospital about two weeks ago. He was a member of the Order of Pythias. The interment will take place at St. Andrews.

Dr. W. A. Wickwire.

Halifax, N. S., March 31.—Dr. W. A. Wickwire died this morning aged seventy-two years. He was for 27 years chief medical officer of this port and retired from the position about ten years ago.

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Mrs. G. J. O. Betz.

At her residence, 114 Winter street, Saturday, Mrs. G. J. O. Betz, beloved wife of C. J. O. Betz, and daughter of the late Israel Morison, of St. Andrews, passed away, leaving besides her husband one son, Mr. J. P. Mosher, of St. Martins, and one daughter, Mrs. E. H. Lewis. The body will be placed in the receiving tomb in Fernhill until interment in the spring at St. Martins.

Ishobad Lewis.

Salisbury, N. B., April 1.—Ishobad Lewis, one of the oldest and best known residents of Mount Edge, Salisbury, passed away very suddenly at an early hour this morning. He retired Friday night in his usual health. About 2 o'clock on Saturday he was taken suddenly ill and died in less than an hour. Mr. Lewis, who was a prominent contractor and farmer, survived by his wife and four children, Messrs. Fred and Irvine Lewis, who have been doing considerable contract work during the last three years on the National Transcontinental railway, are sons of the deceased. His wife, Mrs. Lewis, is settled in the Canadian west. Mrs. Douglas Lutz, of Steves Mountain, and Mrs. Alfred Beckwith, of this village, are daughters of the late Mrs. Lewis. He was a member of the Mount Edge United Baptist church, and took an active interest in temperance work. He was about seventy years of age.

Mrs. Charlotte Hood.

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After an illness of about two weeks Mrs. Charlotte Hood, daughter of Captain Rufus C. Cole, died in her home last evening, aged thirty years. Pneumonia and heart trouble caused her death. She is survived by one daughter, Maie, twelve years of age, two brothers and three sisters. The brothers are H. W. Cole, of H. W. Cole, Ltd. in this city, and H. L. Cole, of Kentville (N. S.). The sisters are Mrs. Campbell, wife of Dr. Campbell, of Lynn (Mass.), and Mrs. Edward Alken, of Lowell, and Mrs. Charles Fraser, of Moosejaw.

William E. Vroom.

News of the death of William Ezra Vroom, of the firm of Vroom & Arnold, which occurred suddenly in the general public hospital Saturday afternoon, will be received with very general regret throughout this city and province. Mr. Vroom suffered from an attack of paralysis on Friday and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

He was born in Granville Ferry, Annapolis (N. S.), on March 30, 1837. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. B. Vroom, and a great grandson of John

Vroom, an united empire loyalist, and entered the employ of A. Gilchrist, a dry goods merchant. He was also for a time identified with a mining venture in Albert county, and later, was chief clerk in the Bank of New Brunswick for the late Hon. John Robertson. In 1869 he formed the existing partnership with R. H. Arnold. During the first year they were in business in Montevideo, South America, and later in St. John, where they engaged in the marine insurance business, later taking up fire insurance and establishing a record as one of the most reliable firms in the city.

In 1864 Mr. Vroom married Miss Sarah G. Bond, who survives him. He also leaves two daughters and three sons: Mrs. E. L. Simonds, of Montreal; Mrs. Wm. Neilson, of British Columbia; John P. Vroom, of Kaslo, (B. C.); G. Heber, of M. K. Vroom and Fred L. B. Vroom, of New York.

In politics he was a life-long Liberal and held a high place in the councils of the party for many years, filling the responsible position of treasurer of the Liberal Association in St. John, a position for which he was especially fitted by his sterling integrity. Mr. Vroom was a thirty-second degree Mason. He was a member of the Church of England.

Miss Emily Edgson.

Many friends in the city and Fairville will regret to hear of the death of Miss Emily G. Edgson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Edgson of City Line, West End. Miss Edgson, who was highly accomplished young lady, had been teaching in the Fairville school for some time, during which she made herself very well known to her pupils and their parents. Owing to poor health she went to Europe last year in the hope that the change might be of benefit. She was the only daughter. Her father is employed in the customs service.

Mrs. Bernard Quilty.

The death occurred at her home, 188 St. John street, West End, on Saturday, Mrs. Bernard Quilty, after a brief illness. She was thirty-four years of age and leaves besides a husband, who is a high school teacher, and three young children. She was a daughter of the late John Dineen, of Charlottetown, and was a life-long resident of the West End. She was a woman of fine character, and was held in high respect. Her death will cause sincere regret to a host of friends. Her husband is in the employ of the C. P. R.

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Yesterday at her parents' home, 16 St. Andrews street, Mildred E. Hicks, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hicks, died, aged eight years and nine months. She was introduced to the world by a brother, who died by two young sisters and a brother.

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A Hotel Inspector.

The house went into committee with Mr. Sproul in the chair and agreed to a bill for the prevention of accidents by fire in hotels, with amendments. The factory inspector will be the inspector under the bill and will be paid \$300 per year in addition to his present salary. The act will not go into force until August 1st, unless the proprietors being allowed until that time to provide fire escapes and other equipment made necessary under the act.

Mr. Sproul moved for an adjournment of the board of trade rooms. Petitions were received from Gagetown, several points on the Tobique and from the net fishermen along the harbor against the proposed Hankshaw dam on the Shogomoo river above Fredericton. It was claimed that the building of this dam would have the effect of killing the salmon fishing here. This, it is estimated, is now worth between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for the annual season of six weeks, and 125 families are dependent on this for their living. A telegram was sent to the government opposing the building of this dam.

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BRITISH SCHEME TO REVISE CALENDAR

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London, Mar. 31.—The British government is taking into consideration the views of the commercial community of the kingdom on the question of revising the calendar so that a given date shall always fall on the same day of the week. Inquiries will be set afoot by the board of trade, which is supported in the matter by the foreign office and the home office.

The action is taken in consequence of an invitation from the Swiss government to take part in an international conference. This invitation is in turn, the result of a proposal approved by an international congress of chambers of commerce sitting in London.

The proposal of the calendar reforms are that the first day of the year shall be a bank holiday called "New Year's Day" which shall not count of the week, the month or of the quarter.

This leaves for the rest of the year 364 days. This number divides exactly into four equal parts of ninety-one days each, and into fifty-two weeks of seven days each. Each quarter would thus contain exactly thirteen weeks. According to the proposed scheme it would be divided into two months of thirty days each and one month of thirty-one days.

Starting then with the year 1911 Easter Sunday and all the so-called movable feasts fixed, and dates dependent upon them would be fixed. The first day of the year would be the same day of the same month, as well as on the same day of the week. April 1 would then and always be Easter Sunday on Good Friday, December 25 would always fall on Monday. Each day of the month would always fall on the same day of the week.

To provide for leap year, a bank holiday would be called "Leap Year day" which in leap years be inserted between June 30 and Dec. 1. As in the case of New Year's Day, in the proposed system, this would not count as a day of the week, the month or of the quarter.

The proposals have been embodied in a bill which is now before the house of commons, having been introduced by Robert Balfour, M. P., who has introduced it in connection with the proposal to save daylight by periodically setting the clocks of the kingdom to fit the season.

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A resolution was also passed opposing granting any special fishing or hunting privileges on the Leppaux river or its tributaries to the projected Hydro-Electric Company. It was said that this company were desirous of obtaining these rights, and if such were granted, no one would have the right to fish in any part of the lakes or shoot over any of the ground without a permit from the company. The executive made it clear that they are not in any way opposed to the proposed dam on the Leppaux river. Another meeting is to be held soon.

Important Meeting Last Night of Executive of Fish, Forest and Game Protective Association--The Action Taken.

Tuesday, April 4.

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LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph and who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must send stamps for return postage.

Register John B. Jones reports one marriage and ten births—six boys and four girls, for the last week.

The stock and book debts in the two stores of Miss L. S. Smith, in Chatham and Loggieville, have been sold to William H. Irvine, of Moncton.

Sheriff Ritchie has awarded contracts for the supply of the jail as follows:—J. & W. Shaw, bread; M. & H. Gallagher, groceries; and E. S. Purdy, meats. This is the same as last year.

The St. John Board of Health reports the following deaths for last week:—Pneumonia, two; peritonitis, two; scarlet fever, one; influenza, one; acute nephritis, one; broncho pneumonia, one; injuries received on railroad, one each.

The annual statement of the Dominion Government Savings Bank for the year closed Friday shows the total deposits to have been \$750,023.29 and withdrawals \$895,830.48. The statement for March shows deposits of \$63,914.06 and withdrawals \$85,821.43.

Announcement was made in Presbyterian pulpits yesterday that Lord Strathcona donated \$2,000 towards a library for the Presbyterian college at Halifax, on condition that the churches of the maritime provinces raise \$3,000 for the purpose, and that a subscription list for the same be circulated.

The largest moose head secured in New Brunswick during the last season has just been sent out from the taxidermy establishment of Albert Enack in Calais. The animal was shot on Miramichi waters by W. F. Eastman, of Boston, and the specimen was a particularly fine one. The horns have a spread of 66 inches.

In response to the