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RECIPROCITY THEN AND NOW.

Mr. Pugsley's Reciprocity organs appear to be deriving peculiar satisfaction from the fact that some twenty years ago the Conservative party of Canada was in favor of better trade relations with the United States. The only excuse for reviewing events which happened in 1891 is the foolish assertion that an attempt is being made by Conservative speakers and newspapers "to create the impression that the Conservative leaders never were in favor of reciprocal trade with the United States."

No speaker or journal familiar with the political history of Canada would make such a statement. It is a matter of record, and no new discovery on the part of the Telegraph, that the electors in 1891 returned Sir John Thompson with a mandate to negotiate for better trade relations with the United States.

The Telegraph itself supplies the reason why twenty years ago this mandate was given when it says "Canada was poorer and less populous in those days." The means of transportation had not developed. The time consumed in transporting goods overseas was a serious consideration. Neither Interprovincial nor Imperial trade had reached its present vast proportions. But the negotiations failed. The United States demanded conditions which in the opinion of the Conservative Government of the day could not be conceded.

Preferential entrance for American goods over the products of Great Britain was the price. "Canada refused to accept the terms, and turned with renewed energy to develop her own resources and increase her trade with the Mother Country." Thus ended the negotiations.

Has there been any occasion since for regrets? "There was a time," declared Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1907, "when we wanted Reciprocity with the United States, but our efforts and others were put aside. We have said goodbye to that trade and we now put all our hopes upon the British trade." Not a voice was raised against the premier when he made that statement.

His declared policy in 1907 was the same as that which has guided the Conservative party since the failure of the negotiations in 1891. "No more pilgrimages to Washington" was a common ground of agreement as regards the tariff. Nothing in the campaign of 1908 was said to alter that policy. Empire trade, binding Canada ever closer to the Mother Country and the Sister Nations, was the common goal.

Suddenly, like a bolt from the blue, without mandate from the people, in direct contravention of the premier's pledge given only last year that a tariff commission should be appointed before anything was done, we find Mr. Fielding and Mr. Paterson booked for another pilgrimage to Washington with plenipotentiary powers to negotiate a Reciprocity Agreement which the Canadian Parliament is told must be accepted without question of a single item, or change in the smallest particular.

The Telegraph regards the agreement "by all odds the biggest piece of constructive legislation since the inauguration of the British preference." Reciprocity with the United States stands on an entirely different plane. It is revolutionary, tending towards continentalism and repugnant to the National and Imperial policy which has made Canada what she is.

The press of the United States almost without exception welcome it as the forerunner of commercial and political union, and a deadly blow at British connection. The New York Evening Journal, discussing "what Reciprocity means to America," approaches the subject delicately, but makes the issue abundantly clear. It says: "We have many things that Canadians want, and they have many things that we want. We look forward to the day when this whole North American continent will be one great nation, as it should be."

"But we do not suggest 'annexing' Canada—that would be impertinent and impossible, except as the result of conflict abhorrent to every decent man. We have in our hearts no thought of annexing Canada or of committing any national theft—but we should be very glad and very proud if one day Canada would kindly annex us. In other words, Canada, when she is ready, can step into the great well-known firm of U. S. and Co., and take her place as a full partner, and a very welcome partner. It would be like taking an admirable first class young business man into a big first class firm—the transaction equally honorable to both partners."

"Canada would have her own say, as she now has, in her own affairs—as Texas or Maine has—and she would also have her full say in the legislation and elections that control the destinies of this continent. She would lose nothing, no fraction of autonomy—she would gain her partnership in a big concern while giving up nothing."

"This we say with all deference to Canadian ideas and Canadian susceptibilities. If for any reason Canada does not care for the proffered partnership and prefers to stick to the old London house—acting as a distant sub-station of the Empire rather than become an integral and ultimately almost dominating part of the big republic—well and good."

"United or separate, we want to be friends with our Northern neighbors. We want to tear down tariff and other barriers as rapidly as we can, and to make of this great Northern continent at least a united commercial whole, while hoping that it will ultimately become—through good-will and confidence on both sides—a political unit of free men."

CANADIANS ARE SAVING MONEY.

Forty-four years ago, in 1867, the loans of Canadian banks amounted to only \$55,469,521, and as recently as December, 1900, they aggregated only \$362,004,795. There has been a noteworthy expansion since the year last named. In December, 1910, the loan item stood at \$880,887,530, an increase of 148 per cent. during the de-

cade and of 335 per cent. within the period of 1890 to 1910.

The growth of the loans of the Canadian banks is shown by the following figures, which are reproduced from a paper written by Sir Edmund Walker, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce:

December, 1867	\$ 55,469,521
December, 1870	78,095,144
December, 1880	125,555,284
December, 1890	202,518,727
December, 1900	362,004,795
December, 1910	880,887,530

This growth becomes more noteworthy when it is remembered that the Canadian banks are forbidden to lend on real estate. Canadians are, however, heavy investors in their own securities, and the banks show remarkable growth in deposits, which have grown from \$27,484,172 in 1865 to \$1,041,568,399 in 1910. Of course that is a long time, but the increase in deposits since 1900 shows a remarkable increase and indicates that while the country is developing by leaps and bounds the people are actually saving money. The total savings in 1900 were \$375,720,752, whereas in 1910 they had grown to \$1,041,568,399.

WHERE KNOWLEDGE WAS BLISS.

If to know what one wants and to get it is happiness, the inhabitants of St. Paul Island, in the Pribilof group in the Bering Sea, must have been supremely content recently when a naval wireless telegraph station was opened. When all was ready, the operator asked them what news they wanted.

Now, people have sometimes beguiled a leisure hour by trying to solve the problem of what books they would take with them if they were condemned to spend some time alone on an island, but there has never been more than a distant approach to unanimity in their choices. The question of what news would be most desirable at first looks equally provocative of disagreement. Not so to the Pribilofians. With a promptness that must have been startling to any outsider, they demanded information of the most recent activities of certain gentlemen whose pictures and records are featured in the colored sections of several enterprising newspapers.

In vain the operator offered them the most sensational incidents of the Coronation. It was baseball they wanted, and plenty of it. And they not only got it, but are to be similarly blessed daily. In a world where knowledge seems to be accompanied only too often with melancholy, it is delightful to learn of one spot where it spells bliss.

A TIMELY WARNING.

Probably no paper in England is more outspoken when occasion demands than Truth, for many years owned and controlled by that veteran journalist and parliamentarian, Henry Labouchere. Liberal in politics, Truth is a notable exception to other journals supporting the Asquith Government which, as they could not express approval of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's separatist attitude at the Imperial Conference, "maintained a silence as of the grave."

Commenting on the situation in a recent issue, Truth says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier's non-committal attitude to nearly every proposal which has been brought forward before the Imperial Conference for closer cooperation between the various Dominions of the Empire has come as a surprise to both the British and Canadian public. The principal Liberal papers in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg are rating the Premier soundly for throwing a cold douche on all overtures made to him. As the Montreal Witness points out, Canada must either move towards or away from the Empire, and any weakening of the British tie means dependence in another direction, for, with an open land frontier of some 3,500 miles separating her from her powerful neighbor with twelve times her population, Canada had better not talk of independence yet."

Current Comment

(Toronto World.)

According to the despatches there is every indication that as soon as the Senate and the House of Representatives are through with Reciprocity they will pass a sweeping reduction of the tariff in regard to the woolen schedule, at least, and probably in regard to some other schedules, and put it up to the president to sign or reject these measures. If this should prove to be the case then all we can say is that the Reciprocity deal with Canada has delayed sweeping tariff reduction in the United States, of which Canada would have had the full benefit without any concessions on her part, and most of all without entering into what is practically a commercial union with the United States.

(London Times.)

When we ask "Is marriage a failure?" we might as well ask, "Is life a failure?" for marriage partakes of the imperfection of life, and no more than life, is to be condemned for its imperfection. It is quite true that no marriages are perfectly happy, just as no lives are perfectly happy. But those who attack marriage for this reason assume that it is an institution designed to produce perfect happiness—that is to say, they assume an absurdity.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

The individual of the Canadian contingent who blames Lord Kitchener because our troops were not scheduled for a twelve mile march with the procession, instead of being given the chief place of honor in lining the route, is the sort of individual that would have put up an even larger howl had the troops been ordered to march twelve miles, instead of lining the route.

(Montreal Herald.)

The British royal commission on tuberculosis having reported that the disease is transmissible from cows to man, we shall probably hear no more for a while of the protest against Canada's agricultural restrictions and inspection orders. It is better that some of our cows be put to an untimely end than the people of Canada be exposed to a direct source of fatal infection.

(Ottawa Journal.)

How quickly the proud titles of modern cities tarnish when, instead of their imposing buildings, costly churches, magnificent homes and shoddy boulevard one turns his gaze upon their back yards and foreign quarters! This is being done at the present moment in Montreal, and already the metropolis finds herself in the same condemnation as the Queen City.

(Quebec Mercury.)

The difference between maximum and minimum can be very forcibly explained in this way: Maximum is the speed at which our debts and liabilities increase, and minimum is the rate at which our ability to meet them grows.

(Bangor News.)

The latest ultra-fashionable gown is one that neither hooks nor buttons, but is wound around the wearer. Every good man and true will hope that it may be a self-winder.

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VICTORIAN NURSE HERE

ON TOUR OF INSPECTION. On a tour from coast to coast inspecting the various branches of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Miss M. A. McKenzie, chief superintendent of the order, arrived in St. John on Tuesday evening and will remain here until Friday. She has already visited Halifax and Yarmouth and leaves at the end of the week for Prince Edward Island.

Since Miss McKenzie's last visit to St. John the work here has increased rapidly. Three nurses are now engaged in the general work and one in special work among tubercular patients. In accordance with the arrangement entered into between the Metropolitan Insurance Company and the order by which the latter looks after all holders of industrial policies with the company, the local branch is doing its share of this work and has found it a substantial addition to their cares. It is regarded as very valuable work as it gives them an opportunity to help a class of people who would otherwise be likely to appeal to them.

Before Miss McKenzie leaves St. John she will meet the local committee for the purpose of discussing the work with them.

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Mr. Fred Sterry, proprietor of the Plaza Hotel, in New York, is the head of an American syndicate which has acquired a large tract of land in London upon which an up to date skyscraper American hotel will be built. The price paid for the site was about four million dollars. The hotel will have seven hundred bedrooms and will be ten stories high. Mr. Sterry expects to spend \$50,000,000 on the building.

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WEDDINGS.

Williamson-Clarke.

A very pretty wedding took place at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of LeBaron Clarke, 84 Market Street, St. John. The bride, Miss Nellie D. Clarke became the bride of John Williamson. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. H. R. Reed in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends of the family. The couple were unattended. The bride was beautifully costumed in a suit of blue and was given away by her father. After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served. The happy couple left on a honeymoon trip to Queens county to visit the relatives of the groom. Returning they will reside at the corner of King street and Market Place, West End. A large number of very pretty presents were received, among which was a large Morris chair from the Street Railway employees. Mr. Williamson, who is an employe of the Street Railway, is a great favorite among the motormen and conductors, and this morning the car which he was in charge of was decorated with flags and hunting in honor of the happy event.

OBITUARY.

John E. Greigg. Word has been received in the city of the death of John E. Greigg, formerly a printer in St. John, but of late a resident of Boston. He passed away in that city on July 11th after a two days' illness of paralysis. The late Miss Greigg, once a teacher in Victoria school, was a sister of the deceased.

THE CONDUCTOR'S LAST REFUGE

(From the Technical World.) Hereofore the wisdom of Solomon was required of all street car conductors many times a day when the question of a child's age arose. This delicate problem has just been solved by the Cincinnati Car Company in a manner that would make the author of the Book of Proverbs look to his laurels as a shrewd judge. By careful computation it was ascertained that the average height of five-year-olds is 41 inches and accordingly a mark was painted at that height from the floor in their cars. Hereafter there can be no inductions regarding the veracity of parents who desire to save that nickel. If dispute arises, the youngster is marched up to the fare height mark and the answer is obvious.

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