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A CLERGYMAN'S POSITION

At this time in the campaign, when certain politicians are trying to stir up passion and prejudice, when attempts are being made to blind the electors to the real nature of the issue before the people, it is a pleasure to direct attention to the words of a thoughtful clergyman who has given earnest thought to the principal question now before Canadians.

"As I consider the reciprocity issue far above all party questions and of the first importance to the Maritime Provinces especially, I have decided to speak in its favor through the province during this campaign."

"It would mean a new era of prosperity to all our industries. Hundreds of thousands who now earn a bare living because they have access only to an uncertain, limited and distant market, will under the advantages of reciprocity, experience a new prosperity."

"The young people who have gone to the American cities will return to their homes, and our deserted farms and languishing towns will throng with new life."

TARIFF RELIEF—A RESPONSE TO THE POPULAR DEMAND

The Conservatives seem to take it for granted that if they succeed in defeating reciprocity they will be able to raise the tariff at will against other countries, and increase the amount of protection which the manufacturers now enjoy.

He wholly forgets that the proposed removal of duties by the government is in response to a popular demand that no government could resist. A statesman who is in touch with the people wants for the sake of popular feeling, interprets that feeling and gives it expression.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fielding placed themselves at the head of the movement in Canada. They attempted to do the right thing at the right time, and long ago it would have been accomplished were it not for the unreasoning and blind obstruction of the unbending Tories.

full of the cry for the removal of many of those which the "interests" already enjoy. Their action is entirely parallel to that of the Lords and the "last ditchers" in England, so out of touch are they with the desires of the people.

Mr. Borden learned something of the force of that revolt against high protection during his trip through the West, but it was too late to save him from the course which the manufacturers of Toronto and Montreal had mapped out for him. He will learn considerably more of the force of the movement among the consumers and farmers for relief from tariff exactions, on the twenty-first of September.

His education in that line will be finished then—and with it, his leadership. But the first condition of statesmanship and leadership is this ability to interpret the will of the people, and in this quality Mr. Borden is unfortunately deficient.

There is a warning of one of the ancient makers of proverbs that is now hastening to its fulfillment: "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy." The movement in the United States and Canada toward a lowering of tariff taxes and the removing of the burdens of the people, is not on the initiative of statesmen; it is the response of discerning men to the deep and strong desire of the people.

DR. DANIEL AND W. R. POWELL

What do the Conservative candidates, Dr. Daniel and Mr. Powell, propose to do for St. John? It is a fair question, and electors will ask it.

Well, Dr. Daniel and Mr. Powell—as they tell the story themselves—propose to "save" the Winter Port from Hon. Mr. Pugsley, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Mr. Graham, and other Liberals, who are building it up.

The electors know what Dr. Pugsley has done and is doing. They know that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Mr. Graham, Mr. Carvell and others, have co-operated with Dr. Pugsley in giving Federal assistance to the harbor improvements, in making this a national port and equipping it at Federal expense.

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There are the facts of the case, set down without bias or feeling. When reciprocity is so viewed—fairly, as an economic question—who can have any doubt as to its benefits? Rev. Mr. McCaskill's words put to shame all those who are attempting to distort the issue.

THE AMERICAN DEPRESSION

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All who were fortunate enough to hear the responses of the visiting journalists must have been impressed not only by the grace and sobriety of their words but by the evident fact that their tour of New Brunswick, however brief, will be of great value to the city and the province. The Dominion Department of Immigration, under whose auspices they come, is doing a work of solid merit, and doing it well.

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cause of the rapid growth of Ottawa and of the Journal's circulation, it has had built a new press which will print 30,000 copies an hour up to twenty pages, or 15,000 an hour up to forty pages. The Journal is a fine newspaper, and pressmen everywhere will be glad to hear of its prosperity.

The American trusts, notably the interests controlling lumber, beef and paper, are going to pour money into Canada in an attempt to beat reciprocity by buying men and votes. The whole plot is exposed by the Montreal Herald, and a portion of its information is given to Telegraph readers in our despatches this morning.

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