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KEEP THE ISSUE CLEAR

Mr. Gov. McClellan, whose memory goes back to the period of the old reciprocity treaty, and who has taken an active part in the public affairs of this province for so many years, is very strongly in favor of the new trade agreement. He is not a man who would consent to the sacrifice of Canadian or British interests. He has done much to promote the welfare of the province of New Brunswick, and is thoroughly familiar with its resources, its industries and trade, and the great possibilities opened up by the prospect of larger free markets for its natural products.

The question before the people, as Dr. Pugsley very clearly pointed out at Hillsboro last night, is not whether this or that candidate shall be elected, but whether Canadians shall accept or reject the great offer made to them by the people of the United States. If they reject it, there will be little prospect of getting it repeated, although the production of Canada will be rapidly increasing, and the need of larger free markets will be growing all the time.

This is a far more serious matter than choice between two men in a constituency. The people are not merely to vote for or against a man, but for or against a measure which if adopted will enormously benefit this country.

All that Mr. Borden and his followers down to the young legal gentlemen who rush eagerly into the fray, may say about the dangers of this trade agreement is discounted by the former utterances of Mr. Borden, Mr. Foster, and Conservative leaders back to Sir John Macdonald. The Times showed yesterday that so late as 1904, Mr. Borden told the Manufacturers' Association in Montreal that a reciprocity treaty with the United States "would not in any way interfere with self-government in Canada." If that were true of a treaty, how much more true must it be of a trade agreement which Canada can terminate at any moment.

Mr. Byrden knows, moreover, that if he had been in power and the United States government had made an offer of reciprocity his government would have hastened to negotiate.

All this talk about annexation and danger to British connection is merely an effort to arouse prejudice. But it also degrades the flag of our country by dragging it into a political quarrel in the hope that in doing so votes may be won for candidates who could not otherwise command the support of the people.

Keep the issue clear. Canada is offered a larger free market for her natural products. Does she want it now and for her growing future? Or can she afford to reject it and endorse the attitude of persons who are going about describing our friendly neighbors as utterly dishonest and to be avoided at all costs?

What would Mr. Borden and the Conservative party do if they were in power and were approached by envoys from the United States with an offer of reciprocity? The question admits of but one answer. They would negotiate at once. They would hail the opportunity to give Canada's natural products two free markets instead of one. They would boast that the boon so long sought by all parties, and especially by their great leaders, Macdonald, Tupper and Thompson, had at last been secured, and that the Empire would be further strengthened by the greater development and prosperity of Canada.

It is because the boon has been offered to and accepted by a Liberal government that the cry goes up from the Tory ranks that there is danger and disaster in its train.

Keep the issue clear. This is a question of trade, not of sentiment. England has set the example. She buys in the cheapest

and sells in the dearest market. She does more business with Germany than with France, though the latter is her ally. She has established her greatness by profitable commerce. She is seeking ever more friendly relations with the United States. She approves of Canadian reciprocity with the United States, recognizing in it only another means of making Canada a greater country and a stronger member of the imperial sisterhood of nations.

WHERE ARE THE FAITHFUL?

As the work of nominating candidates goes on, one looks in vain for the array of world-beaters from the ranks of provincial statesmen who were expected to rally to the defence of the flag.

If the flag is in danger, why are not Premier Hazen, Sir James Whitney, Premier Roblin and Premier McBride in the field as candidates? Why, at least, are not Hon. Mr. Fleming, Hon. Mr. Grimmer, Hon. Mr. Rogers, Hon. Mr. Bower or others of provincial cabinet rank on the firing line?

Can it be that these devoted men will consent to see the flag trailed in the dust? Do they really believe the Empire is on the eve of dismemberment and yet cling to their petty offices at Fredericton, Toronto, Winnipeg and Victoria?

Why have they not rushed by fast train to Ottawa, and offered their services to Mr. Borden and the Empire at this crisis in our history? Mr. Powell the other night referred to those who had bled for their country, and there were some Liberals among them. Can it be that these provincial statesmen will not even risk the loss of a petty office when the integrity of the Empire is threatened? We pause for a reply.

A MANUFACTURER'S VIEW

The manufacturers are coming to the support of reciprocity. In seconding the nomination of the Liberal candidate in St. Mary's, Ont., Mr. James H. Maxwell, a manufacturer, said:—

"It is time now that all the manufacturers of this country who are in favor of this agreement should come forward and state the facts. There is only one question before the people of Canada—that of reciprocity. There is a great difference of opinion on this subject, even among the manufacturers, in spite of the fact that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have placed themselves on record against it. I consider that the agricultural interests are the basic industry of this country. On top of this foundation rests the fabric of all business. Anything that benefits the farmers of the country benefits all. In this agreement great benefit has been or will be bestowed on the farmers, while at the same time the interests of the manufacturers have been scarcely touched. They are affected but in the smallest extent, and I cannot see how any manufacturer can oppose it. I am strongly in favor of it, and as such it affords me the greatest pleasure to second the nomination of Mr. G. H. McIntyre."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will put some real ginger into the fight in Quebec province.

Mr. B. Frank Smith is another Conservative to whom defeat will not bring any new sensation.

Mr. O. S. Crockett predicts that the Conservatives will carry from seven to ten seats in New Brunswick. The campaign, therefore, is not without a touch of humor here and there, even when the joker does not mean to be funny.

Mr. James Reid has again been nominated as the Liberal candidate in Restigouche county, and the convention adopted resolutions approving reciprocity as a means of promoting greater prosperity than the country has yet seen. The people of Restigouche county will profit by the new trade agreement, for they have products to sell in the United States market.

The Ottawa Free Press says:—"Rufus Pope is another addition to the membership of the Promise-to-Help-Borden-But-Back-Out-When-The-Fight-Comes-Club. For months he has been telling his friends what great things he was going to do in Compton, of how he was going to sweep the Eastern Townships, and of how he was going to be the Minister from Quebec. But he didn't even try for the nomination, for the very good reason that he did not want to seek a third defeat."

Mr. Borden, in his manifesto, says that reciprocity "is at the best a rash and perilous experiment, inconsiderately and unwarrantably undertaken, in a period of unequalled development and prosperity." A period of unequalled development and prosperity. By what was this period brought about? By the Liberal administration's wise policy. The same administration now proposes a further step in the direction of still greater development and prosperity. For that is what reciprocity means to Canada, and especially to the maritime provinces.

AT LAST
"What's this? Lady at the seashore falls through a crevice in the boardwalk." "I knew the girls were carrying this hipless craze too far."
—Louisville Courier-Journal

THE RHUMAN
(By Barry Pain.)
I sought for gold, I wrought for gold,
I labored long and late;
With both my hands I gripped
The iron throat of Fate.
As one who fights the empty air
Was I who struggled thus;
And Dives had his sumptuous fare,
And I was Lazarus.

Fate's will is whim, Fate's smile is grim;
She that denied me wealth
Gave me a little while of love,
A little while of health.
A little while the roses blew,
And made the midnight sweet,
A little while my body knew
Nor sickness nor defeat.

No more for me, no more for me,
Those midnight roses blow;
I made a hazard of my strength,
I cast and lost the throw,
And since I ask no more of Fate—
Loveless and loveless I—
She pelts me to the churchyard gate
With hard and cruel gold.

IN LIGHTER VEIN



A DIFFICULT JOB.

Sunday School Teacher—Do you think, Freddy, you could induce some of your little friends in your street to come to school?

Freddy—I can induce one, but all the rest of the fellows can whip me.



HAD COMPASSION.

"No, I won't fight you because my good friend told me to be kind to you."
"Coward! Find it out from your bruises you mean!"

"No, I don't. She'd know you'd been fighting me when she saw the doctor calling at your house."

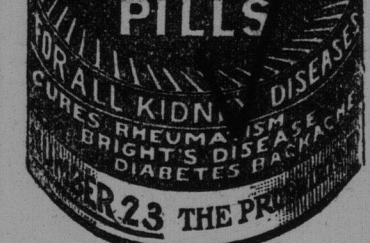
BETWEEN DOCTORS

"Doctor, I want you to look after my office while I am on vacation."
"But I've just graduated, doctor. Have had no experience."

"That's all right, my boy. My practice is strictly fashionable. Tell the men to play golf and ship the lady patients off to Europe."
—Washington Herald

A NOVEL RACE

"How do you account for the popularity of some of these best sellers?" asked the severely literary lady.
"I think," replied Miss Cayenne, "that a lot of us are trying to catch up with the dime novels our parents prevented us from reading when we were young."
—Washington Post



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