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*Halifax Chronicle***Fight For Maritime Rights.**

"If there are any Maritime rights, let us know and we will fight for them. We are anxious to do all we can for the Maritime Provinces. Is Mr. Meighen's High Protection a defence of Maritime Rights? Is putting a wall around our country and setting up a high tariff a defence of Maritime Rights?"

Will wiping out the British Preference under which ninety per cent of the goods imported from Great Britain come through Canadian ports to the great benefit of your Maritime ports help the Maritime Provinces? We stand in favor of trading with the Mother Country and the sister Dominions because we believe it is to the advantage of the Empire as well as to ourselves Mr. Meighen's policy of High Protection will cut you off from those markets."

The West Indies Trade.

The Prime Minister here dealt at some length with the new trade agreement with the West Indies, which had been promoted so enthusiastically by Mr. H. J. Logan of Cumberland and which the Prime Minister believed would do more to benefit this part of Canada than anything that had been done in a quarter of a century. He emphasized the provisions made for a line of steamers to carry the products of Nova Scotia all the year round. The producers of the Maritime Provinces ought to get the first advantage of this important West India trade treaty.

"Are you," he asked, "going to turn down a treaty of that kind? This Government, if returned—and it will be returned (Cheers)—will carry out that treaty. We want to get it into force, with all it means for the people of these Provinces and of Canada as a whole, as quickly as we can. You can decide one thing whether you are going to elect men, on the side of the Government and in support of this treaty and the Liberal tariff policy, or on the side of Mr. Meighen, who would place a high tariff wall around the country."

Need World Markets.

"What Canada needs and what you need here in Nova Scotia is wider markets to get into the British markets, into the West Indies, into the American market, into the world markets. That is the policy of the Liberal Party, and I believe it is the policy that should get un-

ed support: from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Mr. Meighen's policy, instead of uniting tends to divide Canada. Ours is a policy of unity, of moderation, of toleration, which will bind together our people from coast to coast and lead Canada in the right path to nationhood, a nationhood within the British Empire." (Great cheering).

Dr. Beland's Clever Hit.

Dr. Beland in the course of a singularly effective speech, delivered with that charm and grace which makes him so popular a speaker, ridiculed the Tory talk about the decline of Canada's trade. He quoted the figures of the August trade to show an increase of nearly 60 millions in one month. Dr. Beland computed this represented an increase of two millions a day, or \$75,000 an hour, and whimsically remarked that every hour Mr. Meighen speaks, preaching Blue Ruin, the trade of Canada grows \$75,000. (Laughter).

No Friends of Farmers.

Senator Beland stated that the Government had most emphatically redeemed its promise. He declared that, instead of helping the farmers, Conservatives in the House had opposed the Government's proposal to reduce the duties on agricultural implements. "You farmers," he said, "cannot find a friend in the Conservative party." Dr. Beland referred in a fine eulogy to Mr. Fielding as the "little grand old man of Canada."

Mr. Macdonald, in a vigorous and eloquent speech which was loudly applauded, first paid tribute to a distinguished representative of King's County, the late Sir Frederick Borden, and then referred in laudatory terms to the retirement of the Right Hon. W. S. Fielding, whose great services to the state as one of the greatest Finance Ministers in Canada's history were recognized by all his countrymen.

Benefited the Orchardists.

Mr. Macdonald read the list of tariff reductions made on agricultural implements and cutting or abolition of the sales tax thereon, stressing particularly the reductions made on spraying machines and fertilizers which met with the determined opposition of the Conservatives in Parliament.

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