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SIR WILFRID'S ATTITUDE

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his speech at the Constitutional Club banquet in London, made two very clear points. One was that the trade agreement with the United States was not a treaty and could be terminated at any time. The other was that the British preference is the settled policy of Canada. In his interview in the Times yesterday Hon. Dr. Pugsley quoted the statement of Hon. Moses Fielding and Patterson, confirmed by U. S. Secretary Knox, as part of the agreement, that either country is free to change its policy at any time. On this point Sir Wilfrid said in London:

"I want you to remember that the agreement made with the United States is not a solemn treaty carried out under the strict rules of a protocol, and signed in the first instance by the King. It is simply an arrangement signed by the finance minister of the Dominion and the secretary of state of the United States, under which, if the duties on certain classes of Canadian natural products are reduced or abolished in the United States, a similar course will be adopted with certain goods entering Canada from the United States. But there is no time limit to the agreement. It is not a treaty, and it can be revised next year if need be or at any time which suits the convenience of the respective governments. There is no occasion for alarm upon that score. When we are told that we have chained our liberty and paralyzed our movements, I say you have only to look at the correspondence and you will see that we can come to any other policy that may meet our case in the future instead of that which may suit us today. It is wholly improbable that either country would desire, however, to terminate the agreement, because reciprocity will be of great benefit to both countries."

On the question of the British preference Sir Wilfrid said: "It is fourteen years since we in Canada introduced the system of preferential tariff to Great Britain—(cheers)—without any conditions—(renewed cheers)—believing in our heart of hearts that the policy was sound economically, and that it was sound politically, and that it was in the best interests of the British Empire. We have had no reason to repent of our action. (Cheers). The test has been the test of fourteen years, and the more we have had of it the better we have liked it. (Cheers). The preference we gave was 12 1/2 per cent. It worked well. We increased it to 15, and it worked better. We increased it to 25 per cent, and it worked still better. (Cheers). Our trade, which had been dwindling, has doubled and trebled, and we have hoisted the policy of our British preference to the top of the mast. (Cheers). It has flown there for fourteen years, and it is there to stay, whatever you do or do not do in this country."

Sir Wilfrid, in concluding his address, which was received with great enthusiasm, set out the three purposes of Canada in trade matters. The first was preference for the mother country, the second trade with all other countries, and the third that there should be no matter of trade be any discrimination against the mother country. "In this matter, as in all other matters, and on all occasions," said Sir Wilfrid, "Canada will be prepared to do its duty, and its whole duty, by old England."

PROVINCES WILL BENEFIT

In his statement printed in the Times yesterday, Hon. Dr. Pugsley pointed out that there are many lumber products which could not be marketed in England, but which find a natural market in the United States, and it would be a great advantage to our lumbermen to have the duty removed or reduced. With regard to the benefit the farmers would reap from access to the larger market, the minister cited the case of the Anrook farm, who gets better prices for produce and whose farm sells for more money than those of farmers on the New Brunswick side of the line. This comparison was entered into very fully by Mr. Carroll in his speech in parliament, showing that free entry to the American market would increase the value of farming lands on this side of the border. The fishermen of these provinces also have much to gain from free access to the American market, while Dr. Pugsley also very properly points out that our mining interests would profit by

an influx of capital for development purposes. The opponents of reciprocity endeavor to persuade the people of Canada that this market will be flooded by American products. The farmers, lumbermen and fishermen of the lower provinces know better. They have nothing to fear from competition in their own market, and they want the opportunity to take advantage of the larger market that is offered them. It is a natural market, with easy means of water transportation, and it lies at their doors.

IMPERIAL RELATIONS

The Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King went to the root of the matter when in a recent speech he said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier in discussing the relation of the imperial states, to each other in regard to treaties, "spoke throughout as a statesman who has had experience in the working out of a federation." The Imperial Conference is still young. The representatives, who met there from various parts of the Empire were considering questions of the utmost importance. They were the pathfinders of imperialism. Sir Wilfrid clearly saw that such unity could only exist with a local autonomy that would prevent friction and dispute. He stood, as Mr. Mackenzie King points out, for ministerial responsibility, whether of the home government or of the government of any of the overseas states. He saw the difficulties in the way of centralization of authority. He would not hamper the home government in important treaty matters where consultation with the other governments might cause delay or embarrassment, but would have consultations between the governments in matters affecting the dominions. In ordinary trade matters, he would not compel one dominion to consult the others concerning what was purely of domestic concern, the responsibility resting entirely upon the government of that dominion, which would not of course sacrifice imperial interests, since these would be ever in the mind of every government that did not court defeat at the hands of the people. Hon. Mackenzie King therefore rightly says that when Sir Wilfrid returns: "The Canadian people will express to him their gratitude for having represented this country with dignity and foresight, and will not hesitate to show how heartily thankful they are that, instead of proceeding to Britain to instruct the public men of the United Kingdom on how an empire should be managed, he has been content to maintain an attitude of dignity throughout, never failing, however, to give to the people of the British Empire, without fear either of active prejudice or of possible misunderstanding, the benefits of a political wisdom begotten of a training and experience of colonial government such as has been accorded to no other statesman who has participated in the deliberations of the present conference."

"I cannot admit the argument that if we are permitted to sell our goods in the United States we shall be compelled to sell our honor or allegiance or our country,"—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

One of the most penetrating remarks about the gathering in connection with the coronation, says the Montreal Herald, was that of Lord Curzon, who told the Empire Press Union that whereas two years ago they met "as scattered strangers of the parent stock for the first time at the parent hearth," today they were in London "as part of the ordinary business of the nation."

"There is absolutely nothing in the reciprocity agreement to prevent Canada increasing the British preference, or making any agreement which may be open to us at any time, or having reciprocal trade within the empire; or—[and this is important to St. John]—preventing the carrying out of the policy already announced to go into effect when the Transcontinental railway is completed—limiting the British preference to goods coming direct to a Canadian port."—Hon. William Pugsley.

The gentlemen who say reciprocity will destroy the packing industry in Canada have received another shock. Swift & Co. have bought out a large Toronto concern, and the Toronto World says: "The decision of Swift & Co. to make Toronto their Canadian headquarters, will have the effect of attracting to this city other packing concerns, and a large number of subsidiary industries which utilize the by-products. This will mean an ultimate investment of millions of capital."

The province of New Brunswick is especially interested in the announcement from Ottawa that a special enquiry by an expert will be made into the fruit growing industry of Canada. The last few years have witnessed a growing interest in the orchard industry of this province, and an authoritative government report will be of great benefit, directing the attention of the world to the fine opportunities for fruit raising in various parts of New Brunswick, especially in the St. John valley. It is stated by Mr. Hubbard that there is more good orchard land in this province than in Nova Scotia. Doubtless the provincial department will see that the Dominion enquiry is given every opportunity to form the most favorable impression of the opportunities here offered to the fruit-grower.

GOLDEN STRANDS

"If some hand is quite still That we have loved and kept in ours until It grew so cold; If all it held hath fallen from its hold, And it can do No more, perhaps there are a few Small threads that it held fast Until the last. That we can gather up and weave along With patience strong In love."

"If we bend close to see, Just what the threads may be Which filled the quiet hands, Perhaps some strands So golden, or so strong, may lie there still That we our empty hands may fill And even yet Smile though our eyes be wet." (Youth's Companion.)

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(Times Special Correspondence.)

London, June 24.—The various government and railway companies' offices on the coronation procession route were gaily decorated on coronation day and many hundreds of visiting Canadians and others intimately associated with the dominion were entertained by the officials.

The Canadian Pacific Company's offices in Charing Cross were decorated on a sumptuous scale, and were one of the "show" features of historic Trafalgar Square. The design was in architectural keeping with the lines of the building. Above the ground floor were a row of "cow-catchers" and facing a higher story several large moose heads. The clock tower was surmounted by a huge crown. The coat of arms of the various provinces were introduced in the decorative features, the whole effect being subdued in order to emphasize the long vertical red lines which reach the length of the building.

Another feature of the design was a huge painting of a panoramic view of Canada from east to west, 35 feet in width, which extended full across the base. The effect of the illuminations from thousands of lamps at night was particularly attractive.

Five hundred guests enjoyed the hospitality of the company on coronation day, including many prominent visiting Canadians and others. Mr. and Mrs. Howard, who were assisted by their daughter, Miss Iris Howard entertained among others many visitors from Nova Scotia. The following were among those who were invited—Sir Thor and Mrs. Power, Hon. J. N. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jenks, F. H. Sexton, Dr. and Mrs. Sedgewick, Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray Botsford, Prof. and Mrs. Howard Murray, Prof. MacMechan, Beckles Williams, Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Macfar, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lovett, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Slater, Col. and Mrs. and Miss

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