





## CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDERER

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## The American Farmer.

The most active canvass during the opposition in this county during the late campaign, was the value of the American market to our farmers. With the adoption of Unrestricted Reciprocity we would be given free access to a market of sixty millions and the farmer would receive fabulous prices for produce which he now sold at a loss or could not dispose of at all. The farming industry in Canada was said to be at low ebb financially, and everything that oratory could do was done to prove that unless we had Free Trade with the States, bankruptcy would surely be the lot of the industry. The real precursor to prosperity was an entrance to the market of sixty millions.

Now one would naturally suppose that if that market were so essential to prosperity and an entrance to it all that was necessary to make us prosperous beyond compare, the American farmer must be singing largely.

This is diametrically opposite to what is the case. That market which the Liberals offered to the farmers of Canada has allowed its agricultural industry to decrease in value and extent to a condition, and at a rate which is unparalleled in the world's commercial history. Instead of making the farmers independent and prosperous, it has allowed them to become reduced to a condition which even the most poverty-stricken farmer here would deplore. We never hear of an American writing or speaking of the great prosperity of American farmers. Here are a few samples of what we do read. A Mr. Ryden of Ontario, a relative of the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, who worked tooth and nail for American competition in the late contest, writes as follows from Salt Lake City:

"It has been more and more difficult for the farmer to make ends meet, he has had to work harder every year; he has had to forego comforts; his children have had to be taken from school earlier; his sons and daughters have left the farm and gone to the city to live by their wits. And many of them failing to make an honest living, have drifted into a life of shame. During the same unhappy period—the last seventeen years—farm mortgages have doubled all over the North; the old homesteads have been sold out by auction, and crime, insanity and pauperism have increased."

Are there many Canadian farmers who are anxious to become prosperous by selling in the market of sixty millions as these have done? It is not very long since the *Register*, an Ontario paper, published at Marion, Ill., estimated the total farm mortgage indebtedness in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri at the enormous figure of \$3,422,000,000 on an actual farm value of \$13,000,000,000.

Writing on the 11th of March, 1888, Mr. J. Burrows, president of the National Farmers' Alliance, said: "I regret as much as any man living the poverty and dependence of farmers which exist at this day to an enormous extent," and these words seem to be all too strongly verified by the official reports of different state bureaus.

According to the Bureau of Labor report for Michigan, 1888, the mortgage indebtedness of the farms in that State amounted to \$64,392,580, with an annual interest of \$4,636,265, while it is further claimed that the financial conditions therein reported "are not confined to Michigan alone." "In nearly every state may be found a counterpart."

The report of the Ohio Labor Bureau for the same year estimates the entire mortgage indebtedness upon real property in that state as \$330,999,205, or more than one-third of the total value of real estate, and gives as the reason for this state of affairs "the rapid accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few, the alarming increase of monopolies, the vicious 'doublet' of corporate power and 'trust' influence, the 'trust' and 'big bodies,' bringing in its train the 'fast increasing evidence of poverty' and 'want and forced deprivation that everywhere is the land.'"

One of the most interesting, however of these evidences of agricultural difficulty and decay is to be found in the mortgage indebtedness of the state of Illinois, which is reported to form a total of \$416,273,068, or leaving out Cook's county which is chiefly composed of the city of Chicago, and including chattel mortgages, \$147,324,051.

In considering these figures, it must be remembered that Illinois farms lie a round the great commercial and agricultural emporium, Chicago, and that the farmers of that state have for many years had all the "unrestricted" benefits of a market near at hand, composed of over a million purchasers of the minor products of the farms and the great distributing and exporting firms which that city possesses. With all these advantages of markets, etc., the mortgages in that state have increased twice as fast as the value of the land.

MR. EDWARD BLAKE'S letter declining to be a parliamentary candidate, about which so much mystery was made during the late campaign, occupies several columns in the *Daily Star*. But the gist of it may be given in the words of the dark y. preacher slightly modified to suit the occasion:

"Budders and sisters," says Hon. Mr. Blake, "I am a man of the broad road of Unrestricted Reciprocity, which leads to Annexation, and I am a man of the narrow road of Protection which leads to absorption. Darfo this darkey takes to do words. Grip."

PARLIAMENT will open on April 29th.

K. D. C. Will cure you.

## A Home Market for Our Farmers.

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## Local Legislation.

FREDERICTON, MAR. 18.—Mr. Poirer asked if the government intended to build a bridge over the Tracadie River; if so, when?

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We have seen a photograph of the letter written by Dr. W. O. M. P. for Albert to Mr. Osmen and which was relied upon by Hon. Mr. Emmerson to prove that Dr. Weldon acknowledged he had received a cable from him. Albert, containing names of bondholders of the Albert Railway, which were sent to enable Dr. Weldon to proceed with certain negotiations for the benefit of the county to complete which Dr. Weldon was charged with having neglected. Dr. Weldon denied having received the names and denied sending any letter acknowledging he had received them. The letter in question contains only this reference to Albert bonds:

"The Elgin Ry bonds and other bonds. The volume of railway statistics which you called me for, had not been published then, and indeed had not yet been distributed."

From this it will be seen that Mr. Osmen was entirely mistaken as to the contents of the letter in question. All the same it might have very seriously affected Dr. Weldon's election had his high character itself stood at rebuttal.

An Ottawa dispatch says: Mr. A. F. Holmes, of Napawa, was in town to-day on business with the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Holmes leaves for South Dakota next week to superintend the removal of a number of Dakotas who are desirous of settling in Manitoba and the north-west. Already 34 families have left the state of Dakota this year to locate on the Canadian side, and it is expected that this season 200 Dakota families will take up homesteads in the prairie province. These immigrants are mostly from Brown and Macpherson counties, and are said to be a splendid lot. Most of them are Canadians. The past three seasons have for them been a most prosperous one, the wheat crop averaging only five bushels to the acre. The reports of delegates sent by them to Manitoba and the territories have been of a most encouraging character, with the result that a large contingent has decided to pull up stakes in Dakota and go to a better country.

## Point de vue.

"A good many teams have broken through the ice on the Point de vue bay during the last ten days, but all have been got out without much difficulty. In the morning, however, Mr. Harvey Tingley, Mr. Tingley had to go some distance for help leaving his son to do the best he could to keep the animals from drowning until he got back. The help came and the cattle were got out but they were so near perished that they could not walk and had to be taken on sleds to the nearest house or barn where stimulants were administered which resulted in enabling them to get on their legs and do their own travelling the remainder of the distance home."

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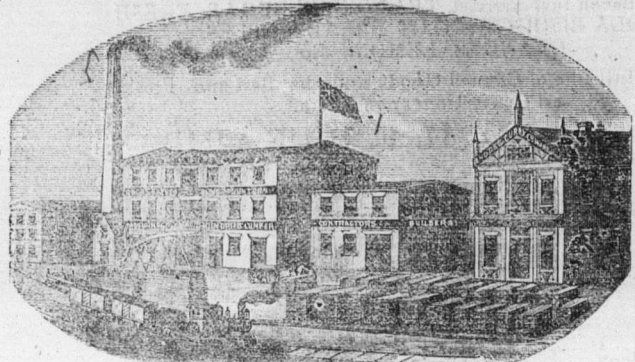




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NOTICE is hereby given that Henry

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has assigned all his property and

rights to me in trust for the benefit of his

creditors. Creditors are requested to

present their claims to the undersigned

within three months from the date

of this notice, or they will be barred

thereof. Dated at Sackville, N.S., this

25th day of January, 1891.

E. L. FORD, Solicitor.

Executors Notice.

ALL persons having any legal claims

against the estate of Joseph Wells,

late of Sackville, County of Westmorland,

land, deceased, are requested to present

the same duly attested to the undersigned

within three months from the date of

this notice, or they will be barred

thereof. Dated at Sackville, N.S., this

25th day of January, 1891.

DAVID C. DICKSON,

Executor of the estate of the late

Joseph Wells.

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