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On Taxes.

(Continued).

Perhaps a more appropriate heading for it be "Commercial Union," but as it is a continuation of my former paper under the above head, I shall retain the same. Commercial Union should be considered with respect to its effect on, taxation, trade, politics, and as I have been asked "on taxes," I shall take that subject first. Now, were the customs duties between Canada and the United States abolished there would certainly be a very great diminution in the revenue of Canada. As I have not the late returns, or public accounts of the Dominion to refer to, I will take Sir Richard Cartwright's figures. He says "in 1886 our imports from the United States were of the value of $[illegible],000," now we would certainly lose revenue, derived from that source and not only that, but the free goods from the United States would largely drive out a very large part of the goods now imported from other countries particularly England. So that there must inevitably be a reduction in the revenue of at least one half. And now is this to make up? I only know of but one way, i.e., direct taxation. Mr. Editor, I wish the promoters of this scheme, this great boon they propose the poor farmers of Canada published the details, let us know who are to be the collectors of the duties! On what basis will the assessment be made, and so on? But I suppose they have not yet arranged details. Well let us briefly consider the trades of the commercial side of the question, as it is in this country all the benefits are to be found. I confess it is a large question and one that one man (especially one like me, a small man) is not able to grapple with. So I shall not deal with the iron question, but I am told that previous to the imposition of protections by the United States all or nearly all their iron was imported from England, and that in those million tons of steel rails manufactured in the United States to say nothing of all the other manufactures in iron produced there, giving employment to thousands of men, who because consumers of products of the soil making a home market for all that is produced there, and car loads from Canada besides. If we do the same, it would be of infinitely more benefit to Canada than to us. But then we are told there would be a big rise in barley if we had Commercial Union. Well if this were a benefit it would compensate for loss in other ways, but it is certain that it is so? It seems to me the American brewers get all the barley they want at the price they now pay the Canadian farmer, and if the duties were removed they would still get it at the same price, and barley would just be as much cheaper in the States, the American barley grower and the American exchequer would be the losers. The American brewer would be winner and the Canadian farmer would be just the same. Can any one see the contrary? I will go further; the duties would also be removed from Yankee corn. It would come in again to compete with barley, the peas, and the low grade corn grown in Canada. There would be a greater area of barley sown and the brewer would get his barley cheaper than ever. The Commercial Unionist may say this is all speculation. Well I retort all his theories on this subject are speculation; and my theories are as likely to be correct as his. If everything were booming in the United States while we were suffering from a stagnation in trade there might be some sense in his agitation, but it has not been proclaimed that trade is livelier there than here, or that trade is on a better basis. When all the benefits claimed to be conferred by it are sifted they are only small. I shall leave the latter part of the subject for another time.

S. S.

Commercial Union.

The Toronto Mail, acting under the inspiration of Mr. Erastus Wiman, of New York, has stirred up our people on the question of Free Trade with the United States. The Mail calls for Commercial Union, and that means a free tariff for both countries in dealing with all other nations, but under the existing circumstances of the country I do not think it possible for us to enter into such an agreement. I think, however, that we should have a reciprocity treaty similar to the one because then each country could regulate her customs, as she chose, to suit her own interests. The Mail asserts that we cannot exist without Commercial Union, but that is not true. We can exist, as has been demonstrated during the past eight years without any closer trade relations with the United States. Still I do not say but what we could exchange articles of natural production to advantage to both countries, but I dispute the assertion, that we cannot live without the Yankees as outrageous as it is. It is too, akin to a piece of swindling. The Grit party, in their usual shortsightedness, do not see that Commercial Union will be the great question at the next general election, and are preparing to kick at one of the planks in their platform, but I am sure well informed people will not regard with favor an attempt on the part of the grits to escape from the policy of another party. Reciprocity is decidedly a part of the National Policy because section 6, of the N.P. Act, (March 15, 1887) provides that "any or all" of the articles therein named, may, on the simple formality of a proclamation by the Governor General be admitted into Canada from the United States free, or at a reduced rate of duty, to correspond exactly with similar concessions made by our neighbors. That act has been standing on the statute book for now eight years, but has never been accepted. How is this? If the Americans wished to obtain free commercial intercourse with us why did they not take advantage of the standing offer? Simply because they thought to starve us out; but some of the more enlightened of them seeing their mistake, have lately influenced a naive born Canadian to buy over the influence of a very popular Canadian newspaper to act as their tool; and another prominent paper of the grittonry, thinking to gain boodle for itself, and prestige for its party by following in the shade of the above mentioned paper, has shown to great advantage (?) its ability to be very unpatriotic when the party requires it, but that is nothing. All of us know the Globe is crazy. This good grit sheet advocates unrestricted Reciprocity, but being a British colony whatever goods we make free coming from the United States must also be free when coming from the Mother country. But England's export warehouses are filled not only with goods made at home, but also with goods made in France, Germany, Belgium, and in fact in every foreign country having any status in manufacturing competition. When, therefore our neighbors make a Reciprocity treaty with us, they open their ports to Canadian products and Canadian products only. But when we do the same we open our ports, not only to American products, but to those of Great Britain and thereby to the whole world. That we should be able to stand so one sided an arrangement is simply impossible; the proposal would be suicidal, and is one that we could not entertain for a moment.

PARVENU.

Washington Letter.

(From our regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12, 1887.

The welcome and decided change in the weather, predicted by the Signal office, to take place on Sunday, arrived on schedule time, in perfect condition, and the inhabitants of Washington are once more in that state of mind that enables them to declare life worth the living, and at night time to no longer wish for the morning, for since the thermometer has fallen from the nineties to the sixties sleep is possible in this sun-baked town. The strain has been too much for the President, however, and he finds that he cannot wait for October and his western trip until he leaves Washington and his executive duties again, so he has made an engagement with Senator Kenna, of West Virginia, to go with him on a fishing excursion some time this month, to some one of the many beautiful fishing streams in West Virginia.

The United States Minister to France, ex-Governor Robert McLane, of Maryland, is in Washington on a leave of absence from his post of duty at Paris. He called upon the President and at the State Department on Wednesday. It is said that Minister McLane's return to the United States is to look after his private interests, which have suffered by his absence.

Senator Evarts, of New York, has recently become the purchaser of a large tract of 300 acres of land near Washington, on the Maryland side of the Potomac river. The land adjoins a government reservation about 12 miles from the Capital, known as Fort Washington. It commands a fine view of the city and surrounding country. It is the New York Senator and great jurist's intention to increase his property by the purchase of several hundred additional acres, and to erect a handsome country house near the seat of government. His eldest son will be in charge of the property.

A complete report of the methods of conducting work in the Treasury Department has been prepared for the Senate departments. Secretary Fairchild will present his report to Senator Cockrill, the chairman of the committee, immediately upon the reassembling of Congress or before, if the chairman so desires.

Secretary Whitney absolutely refuses to allow the expenditure of any more money to repair the old ship "Monocracy." The secretary evidently believes in a new navy as well as a stronger one.

A full blooded Omaha Indian is a clerk in the Interior Department. He has recently been promoted from a salary of $1,000 a year to one at $1,200 a year. His services have been efficient and he has merited the promotion. His name is Francis La-Flesche, and he often acts as interpreter for the Government.

The disbursing officers of the different departments find themselves frequently at variance with the second controller of the treasury in the settlement of their accounts. At the War Department the recent purchase of a pair of horses for the use of the Secretary of War, has caused a lively discussion between the two authorities. The officers of the War Department insist that the orders of the secretary and the president must be obeyed. On the other hand the second controller, Mr. Butler, says that orders from a superior, that are in direct contradiction to the Statute, cannot justify a disbursing officer in making a wrong disbursement of public money. The horses it seems were paid for out of a wrong appropriation. Hence the controversy.

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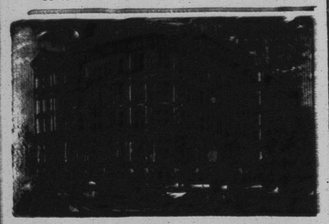

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