

A BAD FACE HUMOR

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own part, he could not share the view which these gentlemen had expressed. It was true the McKinley bill did seem like a piece of unwise legislation. It was merely what he would have expected from the people of the United States. But, after all was said and done, if the Americans chose to shut us out of their market—a thing which they had a perfect right to do—there was at least one other market in which nearly all our products might find a ready sale. He referred to Great Britain. (Cheers.) This country was sure to raise no insidious barrier against our products, but cordially welcomed them. (Hear, hear.) And with the great facilities which we now had for exporting our products there it was reasonable to expect that the very large trade which had already been built up with Great Britain would grow to very much larger proportions. There were many articles which had been in constant demand in the United States, for which a very considerable demand existed in England. For example, barley. The United States had for some years bought about 10,000,000 bushels of this cereal from our farmers annually, or nearly all that they imported. At the same time Great Britain imported about 40,000,000 bushels of the six-rowed variety which our farmers grow for the United States was not what the English brewer wanted. He demanded the two-rowed sort. Knowing this, Mr. Carling explained that long before the McKinley bill was introduced the Government had taken steps to increase the best two-rowed sort from England into the Dominion. Prof. Saunders would be able to tell them what results had followed upon these importations and he wished to say that if the best seed were procured, and proper methods of cultivation adopted, there was no good reason why our farmers should not find a large and profitable market for two-rowed barley in Great Britain, and thus escape the consequences threatened by the new American tariff in that respect. (Cheers.)

WHERE IN CANADA'S BEST MARKET? It had been said, continued Mr. Carling, that the United States was the natural market of our farmers, and if they lost that they lost everything. He found nothing in the nature of our trade to warrant such a conclusion. (Hear, hear.) A careful tabulation of the exports of Canadian farm products for the past 21 years gave the following result:

Table with columns: Year, To United States, To Great Britain. Shows export values from 1879 to 1900.

THE FARMER'S BURDEN. It was said, however, that the burden resting on the farmers of Canada, by reason of the public debt, was so heavy as to seriously hinder their progress. No one could make such a statement if he knew the facts, unless he wished to be justly despised. To begin with, the people of Canada did not pay with their public debt just now, and consequently the only burden arising out of their obligations was the payment of the interest annually. This was not a serious item. The net interest paid on the public debt in 1898 was \$1,588,868.58 per head of the population, and to-day it would be but \$1.65, or 7 cent more per head than in 1878. (Cheers.) For that 7 cents the C.P.R. had been built, our canals enlarged and a great many other important and useful public works constructed. He did not think that reasonable men would complain at this nominal increase, in view of the enormous public benefits which the expenditure of the money had brought. (Hear, hear.) The lightness of this burden was chiefly due to our high credit abroad, by means of which the net interest paid had been reduced in 1898 by 9 cents per head; or from \$1.74 per head in 1889 to \$1.65 this year. In this respect, therefore, the burden—if it could be called such—was growing lighter. (Hear, hear.) As a matter of fact, our credit was now as high as Canadian 31 per cent. securities were quoted as high in England as Sir Richard Cartwright's 5 per cent. were in 1876. (Hear, hear.) It was a libel on Canada, however, to speak of our people being highly burdened. We were, perhaps, the most prosperous people, all things considered, on the face of the earth; and the future was bright with promise. (Cheers.) If the United States would not buy from us Great Britain would, and the man who felt discouraged or down-hearted by the national outlook was surely badly informed. A desperate attempt was being made at this time to deprive the farmers of Canada as to their true position, which could only be met by the presentation everywhere of the plain truth. For example, it had been said that the business of farming had been injured in Canada by the prevailing policy of the G.W. matters of political controversy, but he felt it his duty to make one point clear.

THE FARMER'S POSITION. What were the facts? He held in his hand a carefully prepared comparison of market prices as taken from the Toronto Globe of November 16, 1878, and November 16, 1890, respectively. These figures showed that wheat altogether the prices of farm produce were just as good now as then. Mr. Carling did not have time to read all these figures, but they were as follows:

Table with columns: Article, 1878, 1890. Lists prices for wheat, barley, oats, etc.

They could depend on the accuracy of these figures and he would leave them to draw their own conclusions. But they should not all. Not only had the price of wheat advanced in the present year, but the Canadian farmer had to sell, but had with equal accuracy convinced what price the farmer paid for what he had to buy. This Mr. Carling did not have time to read; but it showed that as between 1878 and

He proposed, therefore, to call attention to some of the more prominent items which show how small a percentage of the demand of Great Britain for our products is met. Comparing on the basis of our real terms, the list in condensed form, of imports by Great Britain, averaged for the three year period of 1887, 1888, and 1889, would be as follows:

Table with columns: From United States, From Great Britain. Lists import values for various goods like horses, cattle, sheep, etc.

1890 the farmer now paid, at least, an average of 25 per cent. less for everything he purchased than in the former period. In other words he could buy almost today for 75 cents, as he could for \$1 in 1878. (Hear, hear.) SHOULD WE DISCRIMINATE? The Minister of Agriculture then alluded to the appeals being made to the people of Canada to discriminate against Great Britain and in favor of the United States. He asked the descendants of the French Canadian patriots would hold up their hands for such a movement? (Cries of "No, No.") In our trade with the United States, our neighbors had always had an advantage. We bought more from them than we sold them. Mr. Battersworth had made that clear, when addressing a committee of the House at Washington in March last. He said: "In the years 1888, 1884 and 1885, Canada purchased more from us than all the other countries and islands on the western hemisphere, and during the existence of the reciprocity treaty, from 1885 to 1886, she bought from us more than she sold to us by the large sum of \$60,188,255; and from the year 1889 to 1898 inclusive, a period of 10 years, there has been only seven years in which the balance of trade has been against us with that country. In thirty-three it has been in our favor. In fact as Mr. Battersworth showed further on, the balance of trade in favor of the United States, since 1850, had aggregated \$252,117,912. (Hear, hear.) Although our circumstances had vastly improved since 1868, it was a fact that Canada had made every effort to renew the reciprocity treaty of 1854. The United States, however, had refused the offer, and the only thing to do was to work along on our present lines. Other countries, however, had sold to the West Indies and South America last year, nearly every article of which Canada was as well able to supply. (Hear, hear.) The one other country to be named in this connection, the Hon. Finance Minister was in the West Indies, and Canada was sending a magnificent display of products to Jamaica exhibition. He hoped these efforts would be crowned with success. (Applause.)

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Canada had a bright future before her, her resources were the richest in the world. (Hear, hear.) She had her fisheries in the east and west; minerals in untold quantities were stored in all parts of her vast territory; her forests were the best in the world, and between the Pacific and the Atlantic there was a vast area of the richest agricultural lands to be tilled beneath the sun. (Applause.) To our shores were coming every year large numbers of settlers, and he was happy to say that these were the people of the empire, a vast area of the richest agricultural lands to be tilled beneath the sun. (Applause.) To our shores were coming every year large numbers of settlers, and he was happy to say that these were the people of the empire, a vast area of the richest agricultural lands to be tilled beneath the sun. (Applause.)

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