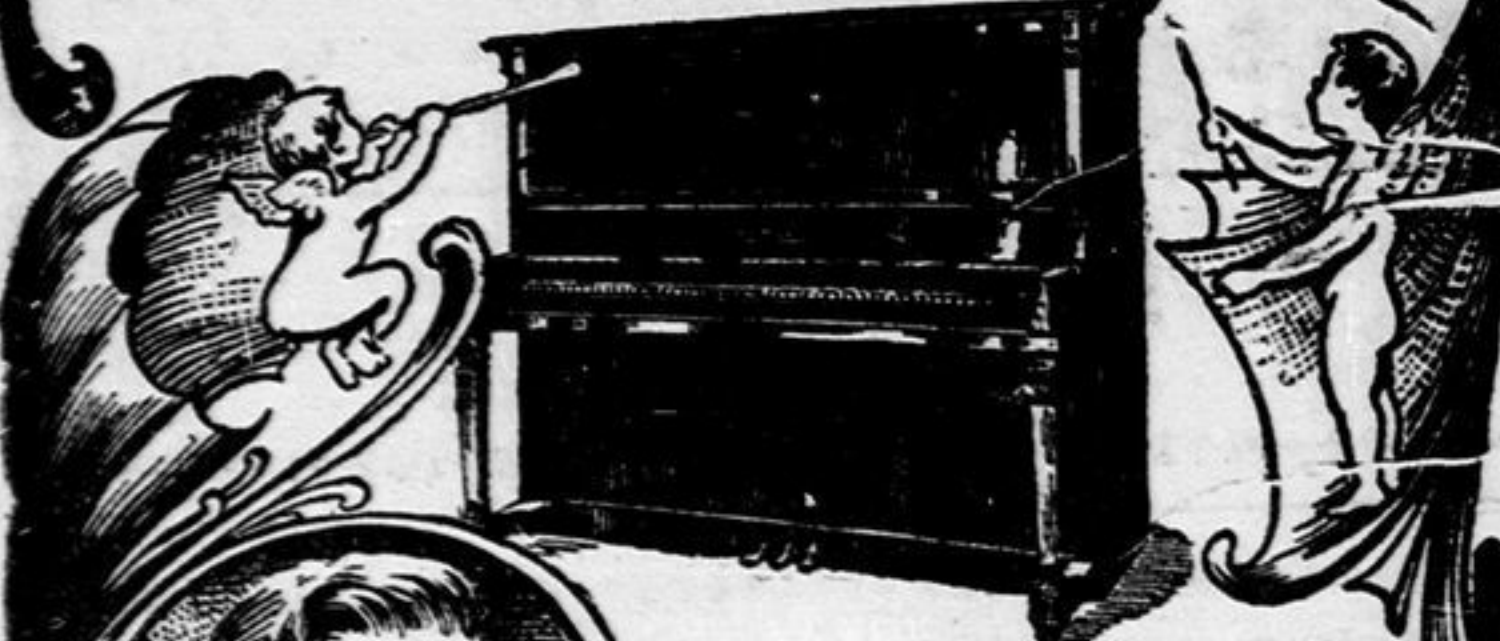


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HOW THEY HAVE FLOPPED

It is really surprising to see the antics of prominent Conservatives, who are trying to swallow themselves on the reciprocity question. They have deserted their old leader and even deserted themselves. Here are a few opinions expressed by some who are now fighting the pact in the interests of Mr. Borden and Mr. Bourassa:

Mr. T. Chisholm, Conservative East Huron, Nov. 24 1910, Revised Hansard, page 2581—"Personally, I would favour reciprocity if I thought we could get a fair deal."

Mr. Northrup, Conservative, Hastings, Nov. 29 1910, Unrevised Hansard, page 08—"An arrangement may be made which will admit many of the products of the Dominion into the United States, on satisfactory terms. (Extract from speech from the Throne.)

"Why of course we would hold both hands up for that," and again:—"Everybody will hold up both hands for any arrangement to enable us to send our goods on satisfactory terms to us to the United States."

J. W. Edwards, Conservative, Frontenac, January 21, 1910, Revised Hansard, page 2,228—"But when this Government took the duty of American corn they neglected a splendid opportunity of conferring a great benefit upon the farmers of Canada in not extracting from the United States, a quid pro quo that they would remove the duty from Canadian Barley."

J. A. Currie, Conservative, M. P. North Simcoe, December 17, 1909, Revised Hansard page 1,715—"The Americans send thousands of bushels of potatoes into Canada, because their potato crop ripens earlier than ours and yet the Canadian farmers in New Brunswick are practically prohibited from sending potatoes into the United States."

These are only a few of many similar examples. What does such an attitude mean? Could inconsistency and desire for party advantage go further?

OUR BEST MARKET

The British market is being held up to the farmers as the best market for everything he has to sell.

As a matter of fact, for many of the things a farmer grows there is no market in Great Britain at all.

Great Britain is a free trade country. Our farmers can ship there anything they like without let or hindrance. The United States is a highly protected country. Bear this in mind and then compare the comparative values of our exports in certain lines of farm produce to the two countries in 1911:

	Exported to Gt. Britain	United St's.
Hay	\$1,152,629	\$1,449,990
Horses	36,072	499,116
Swine	None	45,526
Sheep	2,611	251,850
Poultry	1,154	102,266
Rye	None	45,309
Buckwheat	205	40,024
Straw	3,910	14,465
Potatoes	132	13,835
Turnips	None	206,263
All other vegetables	43	233,068
Berries	None	82,814
Dried Apples	16,013	20,003
Peas	679,319	334,234
Milk and cream	None	1,719,919
Eggs	2,428	6,927
Clover seed	230,981	1,169,757
Flax seed	2,285,411	3,859,211
Grass seed	2,948	191,797

In all these articles the exports to the United States, in face of almost prohibitive duties were greater in volume than the exports to Great Britain. For none of these articles of farm production save hay and flax, seed, is there any market at all in Great Britain. That there is already a market for them in the United States is shown by these statistics. When the duties are taken off will not the volume of our sale increase enormously?

All the facts are against the assertions of the Conservatives that there is no market for our farm products in the United States.

THE APPEAL TO YOUNG MEN

The young men in this riding are asked not to vote for the Liberal Candidate on the ground that to do so would be unpatriotic. They are told that reciprocity means annexation or, at least, the weakening of the ties that bind us to the Empire. This is the veriest folly. If there

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A LITTLE SHADY

When you find a man saying that he is a Liberal, but that he is going to vote for the old flag this time, enquire what kind of stocks he holds, and whether he is heavily interested in some concern is taxing the people, says the Montreal Witness. It has become a little difficult to say one is voting for the old flag when one is voting side by side with every follower of Mr. Bourassa, so many vary it by saying they are going to vote Canadian. Who? That means we do not know, seeing that Reciprocity will certainly add to the prosperity of Canada, Mr. Bourassa himself, brilliant as he is, has never been able to say what nationalism, as he calls it, means, except "down with the navy" and "down with Laurier."

MORE ABOUT BARLEY

The Conservative speakers in this riding have been telling the farmers that the United States barley market will be of little or no value to the Canadian farmers, as the Americans do not want Canadian barley any longer. They seem to forget that some years ago the farmers used to make heaps of money growing barley for the United States markets, before the high duty put on by the Government of that country killed the industry. If the United States markets were thrown open to Canadian farmers by the removal of the thirty cent a bushel now levied against that grain the Western farmer should find barley an exceedingly profitable crop to raise.

THINK THIS OVER

Canada is very glad to get certain raw material from the United States, and would be troubled if the people of the Republic suddenly discovered it to be disloyal to trade with Canada. The Ottawa Free Press mentions a few lines which may be quoted by way of illustration.

What would happen if the United States refused to allow the export of raw cotton to Canada. We imported 67,905,411 pounds last year, valued at \$9,361,021. How would our cotton factory employees fare if the export of raw cotton was prohibited by the United States?

"Coal is another natural product, which we import from the States. Last year we imported 6,980,290 tons of bituminous coal, valued at \$12,979,151, and 3,113,860 tons of anthracite coal, valued at \$14,300,054. In what plight would our industries be, in what condition would our homes be in winter, if the United States was to prohibit the exportation of that natural product, coal?"

"Our rubber industry, now one of the leading branches of manufacturing enterprises in Canada, gets most of its raw material from the United States. Last year it imported 8,943,454 pounds of crude rubber, valued at \$14,142,403. How could that industry get on if the United States prevented the sale of raw material, rubber, to Canada."

"Tobacco is another raw material needed by Canadian manufacturers. Canadian tobacco may be improving in quality and production as the experts tell us, but we needed 12,635,175 pounds of American tobacco, valued at \$2,905,331 last year to keep our tobacco factories and cigar manufacturers supplied with their raw material. How would the tobacco workers on Montreal, Hamilton and elsewhere throughout the Dominion fare if the United States was to prevent the export of raw tobacco to Canada."

"These are but a few of the raw materials which we import from the United States. We buy them because we need them, just as the Americans need our pork and our wheat and our barley and our raw materials."

Let us repeat that last year more than half of Canadian trade with the whole world was with the United States. Our trade with that country amounted to \$404,000,000. If it were to be \$1,000,000,000, would Canadians be less loyal than they are today? They are safe this far. At what point in advance of \$404,000,000, in trade would the Canadian people begin to develop a dislike for the Union Jack. Will the campaigners doing duty for Col. Sam Hughes in this riding please answer?

What utter folly these Tory flag-wavers are talking in this campaign.

Mr. W. H. Kearns, Fenelon Falls, travelling agent for the Lindsay Marble Works, returned last night from a month's vacation in Manitoba.

I'm in touch with the people. It is nothing more or less than a land-slide Mr. Robinson adds: "The people are thoroughly disgusted at the party you are taking in the campaign. You were elected by the Liberals, not by the Conservatives. I am a Conservative myself, but I am, and thousands of others are going to vote for Laurier and reciprocity."

TORY DISLOYALTY CURED BY RECIPROCI- TORY

In view of the present Tory cry about disloyalty, which they seek to make serve instead of argument against the reciprocity agreement, it is interesting to note that when Lord Elgin commended the earlier reciprocity treaty to England, he regarded it as the chief means of silencing the disloyal Tories of Montreal and Toronto, who were shouting and petitioning for annexation. He wrote in March 1849:

"There has been a vast deal of talk about annexation, as it is unfortunately always the case when there is anything to agitate the public mind. A great deal of this talk, is however, bravado, and a great deal the mere product of thoughtlessness. Undoubtedly, in some quarters it is the utterance of very serious conviction; and if England will not make the sacrifices which are absolutely necessary to put the colonists here in as good a position commercially, as the citizens of the States—in order to which free navigation and reciprocal trade with the States are indispensable—if not only the organs of the league, but those of the government and of the Peel party are always writing as if it were an admitted fact that the Colonies, and more especially Canada, are a burden to be endured only because they cannot be got rid of, the end may be nearer than we wot of."

The reciprocity treaty of 1854 broke up the annexation party in Canada. It prevented Sir John Abbott and Sir John Rose and Sir Francis Hinks and several other "Sirs" and staunch Conservatives, for carrying out their plans for the annexation of Canada.

It did that at a time when the annexation feeling was strong and when English parties thought that colonies and especially Canada, were a burden of which they would gladly rid themselves did opportunity offer. The establishment of reciprocal trade between Canada and the United States wedded Canada and England when England was indifferent, secured the prosperity of every section of the country, cured the disloyalty of Tories, making them contented although not less selfish citizens.

If that was the result under the earlier treaty, how can this trade agreement bring about annexation sentiment, no annexation party, and when Canada has become an integral and proud part of the Empire, to which Britain clings to with a zealous love? Before Col Hughes can prove this foolish contention which is the stock-in-trade of his party, he will have to show that not only have the times changed, but that the people and the laws of trade and of nature have changed still more.

WHAT DO THE FARMERS THINK?

Mr. J. W. Flavelle has written a letter to the press in which he argues that the profits of the packers do not affect the prices paid to the farmer for his stock, or charged the consumer for meat products. Good management, he says, is what makes for failure or success in the packing business. No doubt good management counts for a great deal, and it is part of the programme of good management to have the tariffs so arranged that the farmer's stock shall be shut out of the American market as far as possible, while the consumer shall be prevented, as far as possible, from buying American products. By good management of this kind, says the Woodstock Sentinel-Review, the packers have both the farmers and consumers at their mercy. According to the figures compiled by the Department of Labor at Ottawa the average price of live hogs in Toronto is less than it is in Buffalo, while the average price of the bacon made from these hogs is less even in New York, that it is in Toronto. No doubt Mr. Flavelle thinks it is a matter of good management on the part of the packers to be able to keep up the price of what they have to sell and the wonderful profits earned by Mr. Flavelle's packing company are an indication that there is good management; but what do the farmers think? And what do the consumers think?

AST FOR PREMIER WHITNEY

Sir James Whitney is taking quite a prominent stand against the reciprocity pact, and is using the same silly clap-trap as arguments which is dish-up by Tory orators in all parts of the country. That members of his own party are far from being satisfied with his stand on the side of the food monopolists. One of them, Mr. A. O. Robinson, a Hamilton traveller, sent to him Tuesday, the following letter:—"I will predict for you the greatest defeat for the Conservative party ever was known. I travel out of Toronto to Montreal and west to Windsor, and

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