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**The Liberal.**

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, March 22, '88

**DEBATE ON UNRESTRICTED RECIPROCITY.**

The debate on Sir Richard Cartwright's motion that unrestricted reciprocity with the United States is desirable for Canada continues with unflagging interest. Those who began by laughing and sneering at Commercial Union as a fad and the offspring of disappointment at the polls are now thoroughly aroused to the hold that the proposed change has taken on the country. All the eloquence of Government supporters both on the floor of the House and in Tory papers, is being put forth to stem, if possible, the rising tide that threatens to sweep away those restrictions and combines that are enriching a few at the dire expense of the many.

The arguments of the restrictionists are in the main loyalty, and again loyalty and last of all loyalty. But they fail to meet the contention of those who desire to lift Canada's trade out of the mire of selfishness, and allow it to be placed in its natural channels whence it could diffuse prosperity to all alike. That our national debt is yearly increasing, that our expenditure is out of all proportion to our population, that the farming community is in sad plight, that our country is yearly being drained by a large exodus of our young men to the United States, that we are paying altogether too high prices for the prime necessities of life—all this is glaringly evident. In vain do the friends of the N. P. cry light, for the darkness is steadily settling upon us.

The Government is in the strange dilemma of being forced to shout in one breath loyalty! and in the next, Long live the N. P., now it loyalty consists in non-discrimination against Great Britain, how can one with any show of consistency defend the N. P. and its latest appendix, the duties on iron? The essence of the N. P., is retaliation. Its designers boldly declared that they would force the Americans into granting reciprocity. Yet in spite of the N. P. the volume of trade with the United States is larger than that with Great Britain. Why? Because the United States is our natural market; because political economy insists on the liberty of trading where it is most advantageous, because it is flying in the face of common sense to endeavor to make Nova Scotia deal with British Columbia, in other words to make both provinces pass by the market at their doors in order to buy and sell in one three thousand miles away.

**MANITOBA'S WOE.**

Precisely how the Manitoba muddle now stands, it is difficult to say. For several days the air was full of rumors that the mighty C. P. R., was going to be induced to ease its grasp on the throat of the Prairie Province in consideration of a small trifle. The amount of that trifle was variously given; twelve millions of dollars, then eight millions, then five millions. Now certainly it may have been Sir John Macdonald's intention to try to secure a respite for Manitoba on some such terms. But it would seem that his masters, the magnates of the C. P. R., were not thus to be bought off. For now word comes that Premier Greenway and Attorney General Jones have suddenly left the capital, and are now on their way to Winnipeg. Thus the mission to Ottawa, undertaken by the express wish of Sir John has proved abortive.

But as Premier Greenway has

the grand design. The Red River Valley Railroad will be built; the work will be urged on with all the speed possible. Then the Ottawa Government may do what to it seems best. It may threaten, it may harass. But all in vain; Canadians cannot be induced to take the lives of Canadians in order that an atrocious monopoly may grow fat on public misery. Rebellion in the land will soon be as common here as in China.

**GOOD NEWS.**—It isn't generally understood that the electric light may some day or other line the farmers' path-way up Yonge Street to Richmond Hill. Won't that be grand? In the meantime, I would advise every farmer along the route and every concession to use the great Rock Spring Coal Oil. The price is so low that you will hold your breath when you hear it pronounced by Dilworth The Druggist, between the Clyde and Nipissing Hotels, Toronto.

**How the Best Soil Leaves the Farm.**

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

SIR.—Among the worst effects of the loss of our forests is the constant washing away of soil from the farms. I should like if you can spare the space to lay before your readers the opinion of an eminent engineer on this point. It is given by Joaquin Miller:—

"I believe it is pretty generally conceded that our continent is being washed into the sea by way of the Mississippi and its thousands of miles of tributaries on the one hand, and at the same time swept naked of its native forests by annual fires on the other. I take it that it is this deplorable condition of things that has called into existence the American Congress of Forestry. I spent some time with the late Capt. Eads at the mouth of the Father of waters, inspecting his jetties, two years ago.

"We have begun at the wrong end," said this great man more than once to me.

One morning he threw a bucket over the side of the boat and drew up several gallons of dark mud and water.

"There" cried the great engineer, "there is a mixture of one-tenth Missouri, one-tenth Illinois, one fraction Kentucky, and so on, through about fifteen states, with an addition of about five-tenths of pure water."

"And what would you do, Capt. Eads, to stop this washing away of states?"

"As I told you," remarked the energetic old man, as he dumped the ugly mixture back into the Gulf of Mexico, "we have begun at the wrong end. But the country is not educated up to the point of beginning. It wants the other end for wheat and corn. It only wants the mouth of the river kept open so as to be able to sell its corn for the present generation, and let the next generation look out for itself. The other end of the river has drowned out this end, state after state is going to be drowned out until some day the coral insect may again build his pretty castles where the people of Iowa are now digging wells for water.

The United States are tearing out her very heart with her gang-plows and dumping it into the sea, Sir."

I beg to put this statement before the country with something of the emphasis with which this great and good man uttered it there in the mouth of the river. More than once he brought up the subject and always with an emphasis that would write every syllable in italics. Capt. Eads was very fond of quoting poetry. Once he was saying to himself, 'Leaves, leaves, nothing but leaves, when he turned suddenly to me and said, 'Do you know that in leaves you can read the history of creation?'

My son, leaves are not only creation but salvation.' Capt. Eads explained to me that he meant if leaves and grass were left lying on the ground at the proper time of the year, as nature, the hand of God, placed them, there would never be any damage from high water at any time, that leaves would be the salvation of the republic, and that there would never be any need for Eads' jetties. He explained that he meant when he said that leaves were creation that there is no nourishment so dear to the hungry earth as a handful of leaves. He insisted that more beauty could be grown out of a single basket of leaves than a whole load of manure.

Well, let me tell you right here that if this process of fires and floods—that always follow fires—is permitted to go on by the help of 10,000 iron-toothed mills—gang-plows in the valleys to help along the flood that has gathered force in the burned out higher land why we will accomplish the same desolation just as certain as water runs, only we will achieve by the aid of gang-plows and circular saw implements, unknown of old, in two centuries what it took Babylon twenty to bring about."

Yours truly,  
R. W. PHIPPS.

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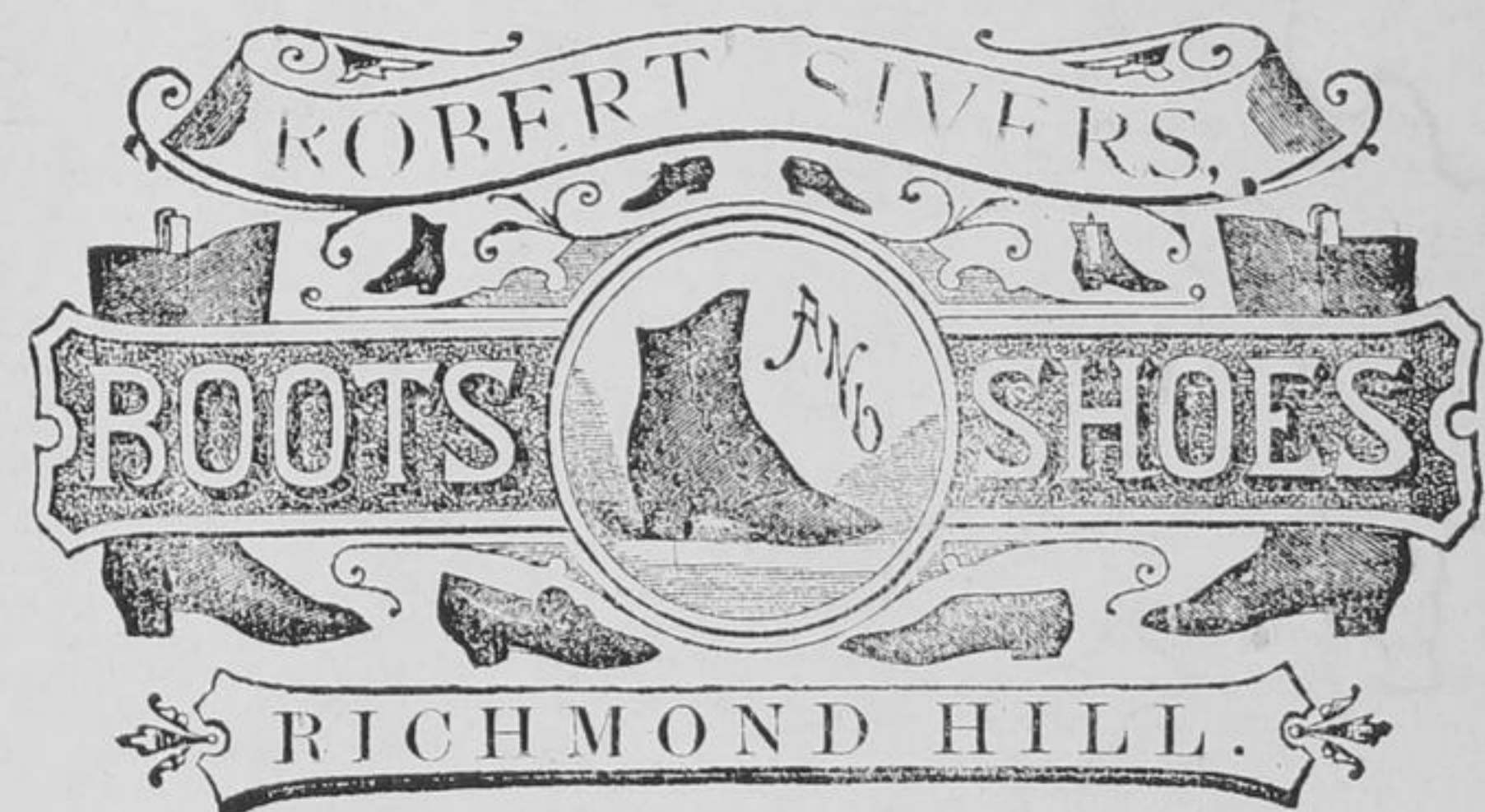
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