

THE REVIEW SAYS, "VOTE FOR MILLER."

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business, and asks support for them in "this latest measure that the States came seeking, and more than met us half way." While it must be admitted that the Government's immigration policy has been improved from time to time, still we think that no sane man would believe that the Liberals were wholly responsible for the large number of immigrants annually coming to this country, any more than they are responsible for the prosperity of the farmer, in reaping good crops from his harvest field in a good year. Canada has the land, and wants settlers, and, being a new country, has the best inducements in the world to offer to anyone who wishes to come in with us, and make himself a home, and it is not very surprising that they take advantage of the inducements we can, and do offer to people of this class.

As for the conservation policy of the Government, it is a well-known fact by this time, we hope, that it was the Government's abandoning of its conservation policy, by introducing Reciprocity that led Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Conservation Committee, to take the stump against the Government, and against his party, and ally himself with the Conservative party, for the sole object of defeating Reciprocity. In their financing of public business, too, the Government has not proved themselves experts. With an estimated cost of \$13,000,000, to start on, to build the Grand Trunk Pacific, which was later enlarged to \$30,000,000, the Government has, to date, spent \$173,000,000 in the construction of this self-same road, and its completion is not yet in sight. This, with the sawdust wharfs, and the printing and other contracts which have lately been exposed, does not leave any great amount of glory to be collected from that quarter.

We are forced to admit that the Review is right when it says, in referring to Reciprocity, "that the States came seeking, and more than met us half way." We'll go farther and say that the States would come the whole way if they thought there was any chance of their getting their hands on our natural resources, and developing them to the benefit of themselves and their factories. The States always did "come more than half way, when they saw a good thing for the States." But if it's such a mighty good thing for the States, that they are so awfully willing to come "more than half way," we think it's about time for the other fellow to open his eyes and see what they are coming after. We do think that Reciprocity is a good thing—for the States; and we think now, more than we ever did before, that Reciprocity is a bad thing for Canada.

But as we have all along contended, the Government's immigration policy, conservation policy, or its record, whether good or bad, is not the issue. Reciprocity, and Reciprocity only is the issue, and it is very significant that the Review keeps away from the main question, and tries only to impress on the electorate what a fine man Mr. Miller is. We know Mr. Miller is a fine man, and we have, so far, kept strictly away from Mr. Miller during this whole campaign. We have no fault to find with Mr. Miller, other than that he is a supporter of Reciprocity, an Agreement we consider detrimental to the interest of Canada and the Canadian people.

But now, the fight is over, and all that remains to be done is the polling of the votes, which we hope will be cast FOR CANADA, AND NOT FOR PARTY; cast with a full understanding of the seriousness of the situation; cast for the good of Canada, and the advancement of our big Dominion among the nations of the world.

- FARMERS OF SOUTH GREY.—DO YOU WANT RECIPROCITY?
- LABORERS AND ARTISANS OF SOUTH GREY.—DO YOU WANT RECIPROCITY?
- MANUFACTURERS OF SOUTH GREY.—DO YOU WANT RECIPROCITY?
- IF YOU DO—VOTE FOR MILLER.
- IF YOU DON'T—VOTE FOR BALL.

CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT NOT A CHANGE OF POLICY.

Is what Canada most needs to-day. We are Prosperous and Prospering under the old Policy and should not Disturb it.

CANADA FOR THE CANADIANS.

The country, as a whole, has enjoyed many years of prosperity. The beginning of that prosperity dates back to the introduction of the National Policy in 1879. The Liberals themselves will admit that prosperity prevailed during the eighteen years the Conservative Government operated that Policy. They claim also that the country was more prosperous under the succeeding fifteen years of Liberal rule, under the same National Policy. They say the reason for the greater success is because the Liberals know better than the Conservatives, how to operate the Policy. Whatever the reason the country has been in a state of healthy prosperity for the past thirty-three years, and the evidences are that similar prosperity will continue for years to come, under an undisturbed National Policy.

The National Policy has made good, is making good, and will continue to make good, whether operated by a Liberal or a Conservative Government. If times were hard, with factories out of employment, men out of work, and a poor and uncertain market for our products, there might be a cry for a change of policy, but this is not our condition at the present time. Our industries are nearly all busy, the labor market is good, and we are living in a period of peace and plenty. Why then should we try to disturb a policy that has been giving, and will give prosperity to all classes in the community? The introduction of the National Policy followed a period of depression, and the people in 1878 felt the need of a change of policy, rather than a change of Government. What we want now is a change of Government rather than a change of policy, and were it not that reciprocity has been made the big issue of the contest, big revelations would be brought to light, showing the misdeeds of the Liberal Government during the last two or three terms of office. The reciprocity issue, which should never have been made a question of party politics, is overshadowing their many wrong doings, and prevents many exposures that would otherwise be made in the present contest. When times are good, and all things are working out well under a long tested policy, it is hard to conceive why a change should be made, to disturb our conditions.

Our east and west railways were the result, to a large extent, of the National Policy. It took the country many years to get our present excellent transportation facilities. The passing of reciprocity must, and will, in a large measure destroy the earning power of these roads, notwithstanding the fact that the country has to pay the enormous sum of two hundred million dollars towards the cost of construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Mr. Miller, the representative in this riding has been changing just as Sir Wilfrid Laurier made changes in his political opinions. When Sir Wilfrid prayed for the success of the new transcontinental three or four years ago, Mr. Miller was in full sympathy with his leader. Now, on the reciprocity issue, which will most assuredly injure the success of the new road, Sir Wilfrid has made a complete turn-

over,—and so has Mr. Miller. Surely the political opinions of the electorate are not standing ready to turn the corners with every turn of their representative in the House of Commons.

During the whole of the campaign now brought to a close, we have spent no time flatering Mr. Ball. As a business man he has always been a success. His honesty is never questioned, and the careful way in which he has ever and always managed his own business, is a fair assurance that he would assist in managing the business of the Government in a business-like manner. The electors need have no fear in casting their ballots for Mr. Ball.

THINGS TO THINK OVER BEFORE CASTING YOUR VOTE

Canada has been prospering for over thirty years. The Policy that made her prosper in days gone by, will keep her prospering in the days that are to come.

Farmers were never more prosperous than they are to-day. This is a fact admitted by the farmers themselves.

Canadian artisans and laborers never got higher wages than they get to-day, while at present there are 2,500,000 idle men in the United States.

Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, and other American ports are filled to overflowing with idle lake boats, while the Canadian shipping interests were never busier. Our factories were never busier than they are to-day, while in the United States thousands of factories are shut down, with nothing to do.

Under our present policy, Canada will become the granary of the world. Under Reciprocity, our grain will go to Minneapolis, and other American milling centres.

Last year Ontario shipped \$10,000,000 worth of horses to Western Canada. Under Reciprocity the West will buy their horses from Montana, the Dakotas, Idaho and Oregon. Western Canada is the only good and reliable horse market in the world to-day. At present it belongs to the Ontario farmer, unless it is voted away this Thursday.

If the Americans want our products, let them take down their own tariff walls.

Let Canada run her own show, and make her tariffs at Ottawa—not at Washington.

The Review can't boast this time that Mr. Miller won the contest without the aid of outside help.

A vote for Ball is a vote against Reciprocity. A vote for Miller is a vote for Reciprocity, Taft, and the big American Trusts.

Reciprocity will hit our cement industry to the extent of five cents a barrel. That on our present annual output would mean over \$12,000 a year. Under present conditions it has hard enough work to exist, and we don't think our citizens would like to see it killed by their votes.

EXCHANGING THE SUBSTANCE FOR THE SHADOW.

There seems to be a general feeling among certain sections of the community, especially where only one paper is read, and that of local persuasion, that this reciprocity pact, whatever else is ruined, the farmer is bound to gain. That this supposition is false, is clear upon closer investigation. Let us take a few of the facts.

To begin with, it is true that the farmer will gain on some of his products. It is universally admitted in the root growing districts that on turnips there will be a small gain. Barley is a more problematical question. Undoubtedly the imposition of 30c. a bushel did make our farmers feel that it would be more profitable to go in for growing other things, and it might seem reasonable to suppose that taking off the 30c. cents would revive our barley growing. But that is not necessarily so. At the time when the barley duty was put on we had control of the market: the United States needed protection for its farmers, and the result has surely been a fair proof of the value of such protection. But now the barley industry in the States is thriving, we can only compete on equal terms at best, and it is by no means clear that we can regain the market. But now if we do regain the market, what does that mean? It means that we give up producing something else, and that something else a product much more valuable than barley. It means that we give up some of our livestock raising, some of our horse breeding, our very best farming industry where we stand supreme, in order to compete in a market which we may not recover after all.

And what of horses and cattle? What will reciprocity do for this most important branch of our On-

Ontario to the West last year, \$10,000,000 worth of horses. The West is our main buyer. But what will happen when the duty is removed? Are there no horses in Dakota and Oregon—a cheaper brand of horses than the Westerner just starting up will be glad to buy? As soon as reciprocity is introduced the West will be flooded with the poorer brand of horses, because they are cheaper. The breed of Canadian horses will be deteriorated, and the Ontario industry will be irrevocably crippled.

As for the American market for horses and cattle, except for very special kinds, it is not as good as our own Canadian market. Everybody knows that it is Liverpool prices which regulate our meat prices. It is true that in the United States there is a class of people who can afford, and do afford to buy very superior meat, the choicest and most special on the market. Canadians cannot and do not buy such fine meat. If, therefore you have regard only to quotations which deal to this very particular class of meat, you will see superiority in the American market. But such meat is not 5 per cent. of the whole product. What our farmers have to look to is not the particular prize beast which can always bring a fancy price, but the average beast which, as a matter of fact, brings a better price in Canada than in the United States. The same argument holds good of horses. A jumper or a fancy rider will bring a fancy price any day, bigger in the United States than elsewhere. But farmers are not raising jumpers and riders generally. What they have to consider, and what they make their profits out of are the average horses, which sell in markets anywhere. Is our farmer, for a paltry gain on turnips, and an uncertain gain on barley, going to sacrifice a splendid, profitable, and sure industry, where he stands unrivalled?

These are stubborn facts which the Liberal newspapers are finding it hard to circumvent. The cry that we find a market of 90,000,000 people opened to us is soon drowned in the uproar which ensued when it is realized that 90,000,000 people also may compete in our market. It is easy to quote special prices in Buffalo, or special prices in Toronto. But if the extra freight is considered, if particular market fluctuations are allowed for, it is generally found that the prices in Toronto are superior, in spite of Liberal twisting. It is indeed hard to explain to a level headed man how he is to gain by sharing another's hard times, and sacrificing his own prosperity.

KEEP OFF THE ROCKS

If our Hampden correspondent had the privilege of meeting Mr. Borden and Mr. Bourassa face to face, he would no doubt be able to annihilate both of them,—in his mind. We imagine, however, he would cut a very sorry figure in the presence of either of them. Our local cotem's hope to crush Billy Maclean at the meeting here on Thursday night didn't turn out to be much of a success, and it is likely he knows by this time that it is poor policy to play against a man at his own game. Our Hampden correspondent is a good, clever young fellow, but he must keep at long range from the men he wishes to assail in any attempt to measure himself up with them politically. It's all right for a person to entertain opinions of his own, but it is bad policy, bad politics and bad taste to abuse those who are infinitely better posted in the political questions of the day than ever we can hope to become. We do not think that all the political wisdom is to be found on the Conservative side, but when we find such life-long Liberals as Clifford Sifton, Geo. W. Ross, Senator McMullen, D. M. German, Lloyd Harris, and hundreds of others furnishing strong arguments for the defeat of reciprocity we cannot fail to think that Conservatives in the present campaign have the best of the argument. There is very little doubt in the public mind to-day that reciprocity would fare very badly if submitted as a referendum instead of being made a question of

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