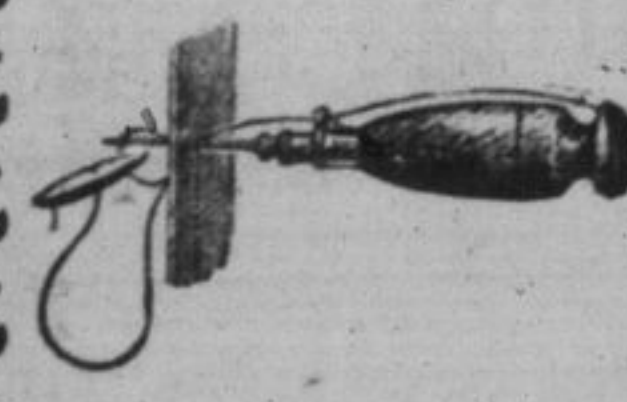


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**Daily Whig.**

**SAMPLING PUBLIC OPINION.**

The idea of holding a political meeting in the county for the purpose of denouncing the reciprocity agreement, and not taking an expression of opinion from those present. Afraid of the people? The brave men who represent the anti-reciprocity party in Frontenac should remember the saying which experience has justified, namely, "That he who fights and runs away will live to fight another day." And the man who has been advertised as one of the greatest fighters in the conservative party came and went without daring to invite a test of public opinion upon the question he discussed. Strange, isn't it? And stranger still the county member, who has heard all that has occurred in parliament on the subject, who is in the thick of the fray all the while, was not sufficiently enlightened to declare whether he was for or against the trade agreement! A pretty good evidence that he has had his ear to the ground and heard something over which he should meditate.

**A REMARKABLE REVELATION.**

The Montreal Gazette, in its news columns, and through an interview with C. E. Benjamin, a general traveling agent of the C.P.R., gives a remarkable revelation of what the discussion of reciprocity is doing for Canada. Here is his declaration: "Since the opening of reciprocity negotiations the American papers have been filled with good live stories regarding Canada, its remarkable activity, amazing increase in population, wonderful resources and splendid transportation facilities, which has attracted an unusually large number of inquiries for maps and literature. Hundreds of Americans who did not know Calgary from Calcutta ninety days ago, and to whom Medicine Hat was merely the place where the blizzards came from, can now tell off hand how many million bushels of wheat were raised in Western Canada last year, and where it was marketed; they know all about the ready-made farms and the irrigated lands, and the marked interest they displayed in the resources of the country cannot fail to stimulate travel to and through Canada." So that the trade agreement is not saring the people and is not working them an injury. Gradually it is dawning on the people that the better trade relations the Canadians and Americans have the better for all concerned, and the men who have been rash in their allegations concerning it may yet have to repent of their folly, like a certain ancient Israelitish king, by donning sackcloth, lying down in it, and crying softly. The great Sir William VanHorne will be one of them.

**FINANCING IN THE WEST.**

Manitoba has its system of public owned elevators, and they are operated under a government commission. The system is not without its defects. It seems that when the commission undertook to buy the fine elevators they had to buy all or none. The commission then began the erection of independent elevators and finally found themselves loaded up with more buildings than it really wanted, though it had a monopoly of the business.

Saskatchewan was more careful, and really benefited by Manitoba's experience. It did not like the plan of public ownership and operation though this had been at first urged upon the government by the Grain Growers' association. A commission of competent persons was appointed to look into and report upon the scheme, and as a result there is a bill, (passed through the legislature by this time), which provides for an elevator company. It is to be financed with the aid of the government. The capital stock will be \$250,000, or fifty elevators at \$5,000 each.

The farmers will subscribe fifteen per cent. of the whole, or \$37,500, and borrow eighty-five per cent. or \$212,500 from the government. Let the honorable attorney general complete the sum in arithmetic thus: "Now let us figure what the company would have, the elevators being built, in the way of assets and liabilities. In the first place the company would have the elevators at a face value of \$250,000; secondly it would have the eighty-five per cent. of stock subscribed but not paid up, viz., \$212,500. On the other hand the liabilities of the company would be the \$212,500 which it owed to the government, and for which the elevators would be mortgaged, and nothing else. So that the entire assets would be \$250,000 plus

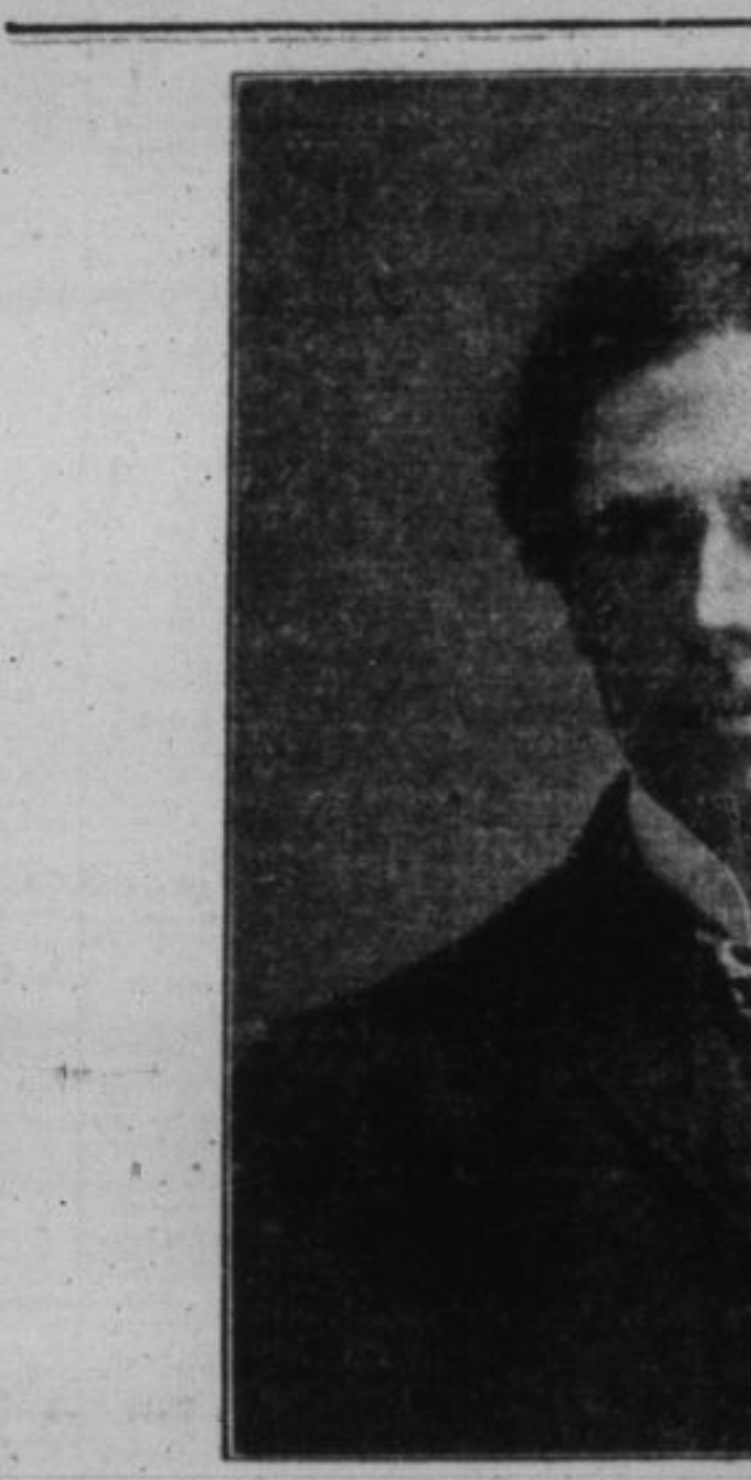
\$212,500, or \$462,500, and the total liability would be only \$212,500. That would be the position of the company from the start."

This problem has certainly a very peculiar look, to say the least, but the attorney general repeated it in somewhat similar terms and with the same effect and he was loudly applauded. A number of the opposition, more incredulous than the rest, asked Hon. Mr. McNab, another member of the government, if he financed his company in this way, and he answered "Certainly. Every joint stock company is financed in that way." In our own simple way we can now understand why some schemes do not turn out as they are expected to do.

**THIN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.**

The local member trifled with the people when he said, at a county political meeting, into which he unnecessarily butted in, that but for the naval scheme of the federal government nothing would have been heard of the reciprocity agreement. Now Mr. Nickle is not at all dense and so cannot usually be credited with a confusion of ideas. There is no vital or visible connection between the naval and trade promises of the government, and he knows this very well. There is no sense in the attempt to befuddle any issue.

Dr. Macdonald, of the Globe, writing from California, has stated the genesis of the reciprocity movement, and his letter should be carefully read for the information which it imparts: Col-



**SINCLAIR HAMILTON.**  
Orator, who appears in Grant Hall on Friday, March 3rd.

Hughes had rashly charged that he was the missionary of the government in this matter, and he replied that the government had no knowledge of his action until he arrived at Ottawa with a message from the president, and to the effect that he delegate some one to discuss the reciprocity with him. Hence the meeting at Albany which took place later. The talk he had with Mr. Taft was an incident of his outing, an unexpected development of a trip abroad.

The naval question had been settled in the session before, so far as the government was concerned. The Bourassa faction in Quebec had made a fuss, the importance of which was magnified in a by-election, but the sound public opinion of Canada was behind the government. Admitting that it was not, for argument's sake, what is there in the reciprocity agreement which can affect the naval policy? There is an inference. It is this: That Mr. Borden's party disturbed the Laurier party on the naval question, and now the Laurier party is disturbing the Borden party on the reciprocity question. This is a kind of philosophy which does not carry with it any influence, and it should not affect any person.

The assumption that the naval scheme is responsible for the reciprocity agreement, (credited to Mr. Nickle), is about as reasonable as that other assumption of the same gentleman, that the future of this young nation is imperilled, and her flag put in danger, by the trade agreement!

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

According to the Ottawa Citizen, conservative, the reciprocity treaty of 1854, and continuing until 1866, made for the happiness, the contentment, and the prosperity of the Canadian people. Is history repeating itself?

The federal government is not dependent on the certificate or endorsement of the county member. It is not getting any help from him but it is commanding the attention, and the support of the people because it does things.

A notable advocate of reciprocity is Harry Corby, ex-M.P., Belleville. He has been one of the most active politicians in Canada and he favours the trade agreement as a matter of business. He sets aside politics for the time being. And nobody can accuse him of disloyalty.

The Toronto News is now very anxious that there shall be an appeal to

the people on the reciprocity question. Well, there does not seem to be much chance of it, though an election just now would put the party which the News supports hopelessly in the minority.


The Briand government lived longer than any one would expect who realizes the shortness of the average reign of a party in France. The premier is a socialist who failed to meet the demands of the socialistic party. Any one who could completely please it would be a wonder.

Hon. Adam Beck is like Dr. Edwards—very non-committal on the reciprocity question. He is afraid of the people and willing to leave the discussion of it to the press and the settlement of it to the wisdom of the government of Canada. Mr. Beck, however, is not terrified with the bogey of annexation.

At Ottawa it is announced that the opposition will solidly vote against the reciprocity agreement, though in so doing some members will be imperiling their political lives. Mr. Borden realizes that he has run up against something that will interfere with his political plans and end his dreams about men and power. Luck is surely against him.

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**LOOSE TALK ON STAGE.**

Question of Profanity and Vulgarity Discussed.

New York, March 1.—Prohibition of profanity and vulgarity on the stage by a city ordinance was urged by the representatives of church and religious societies before a committee of aldermen to-day. As an instance of loose language in the theatre, A. Colburn, president of the Anti-Profanity League, told of a current play in which profane words occurred fifteen times. "Public spitting," he said, was once thought a matter of no consequence, but public opinion has since been educated to condemn it and generally refrain from it.

Alderman Willard, who opposes the ordinance, asked Mr. Colburn if he thought "damn" and "hell" were profane words. Colburn thought they were.

"I think not," said the aldermen. "I have looked them up in my dictionary and I find no warrant for such a belief."

Colburn added that he had counted "damn" 181 times and "hell" 150 times in Shakespeare's plays.

**Reorganizing the Fish Trust.**

Chicago, March 1.—Reorganization plans of the Booth Fish Co., known as the "Fish Trust," before its failure, two years ago, include the sale of \$5,000,000 six per cent. first mortgage bonds. The Northern Fisheries company, a salmon-handling concern, will be purchased.

**Glennvale News.**

Glennvale, Feb. 28.—The school concert, given in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital, of Toronto, was a credit success; \$25 was realized. Much credit is due to Miss Wood, teacher, for the training given the children. While George Clark was returning from Kingston, on Feb. 18th, he had the misfortune to upset in one of the numerous pitchholes on the road and he and his wife were thrown out. Beyond a few bruises they received no serious injury. R. J. Ellerbeck and wife visited relatives on Simcoe Island on Sunday. While Chester Coulter was cutting wood the axe slipped and gave him a severe gash in the leg. Melzar Orser has purchased a horse. Mrs. J. D. Ellerbeck is recovering from an attack of grippe. Mrs. Michael Hawkey entertained a number of young folks on Thursday evening. Visitors: Miss Hattie Watts, Kingston, at E. Clarke's; Miss Rhoda Daryan and Clarence, Kingston, at R. J. Ellerbeck's; Miss Scott, Battersea, at J. Cramer's.

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Copies of the syndicate's circular were placed in the hands of the United States District attorney, Henry A. Wise, and of the state district attorney, Charles S. Whitman, as soon as received by local baseball officials. Both prosecutors announced at once that they would do all in their power to stop the gamblers.

**A REITERATED REFUSAL.**

**Vatican Will Resume Negotiations With Spain Only Conditionally.**

Madrid, March 1.—El Liberal and El Imparcial declare that the vatican's note to the government is a reiterated refusal to resume negotiations with Spain unless the government agrees to reach an accord with Rome on the proposed law of associations and all other religious questions regarding the performance of Premier Canalejas, before they are submitted to parliament.

This, these papers say, was the response to the government's suggestion that if the holy see was prepared to resume negotiations for a revision of the concordat, Spain would appoint an ambassador to the vatican.

**MME. CALVE'S TROUBLES.**

**Forced to Tell Her Name and Age and Submit to Vaccination.**

San Francisco, March 1.—Forced by an unyielding immigration inspector to give her real name, and—horror—her real age—which is forty-four and not twenty-four—was the experience here to-day of Mme. Emma Calve, the grand opera star. The singer arrived on the steamship Chiyomaru from Japan, and was accompanied by her youthful husband, Signor Gasparri.

To add to her further discomfiture the quarantine officer gave heedless plea to the diva's request that she be saved from vaccination. But no, the fates were against her, and she was compelled to join the line to the surgeon's office. She was vaccinated and the surgeon thinks it will take

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