

WHAT THE BUSINESS MEN SHOULD STRONGLY DO

The business men of Canada should vigorously support the effort now being put forth to make the conditions of trade between the United States and Canada more equitable.

GOOD STROKE OF BUSINESS.

Agreement Desirable From Canadian Point of View. The Ottawa Journal is a conservative journal, owned and edited by P. D. Ross, president of the Ottawa Conservative Association in 1908, 1909, 1910, and a conservative candidate for the legislature in 1901.

PROPHECY OF VICTORY.

It is not often that Sir Wilfrid breaks out into ante-election prophecies, but he did so at London, Ont., in a sudden outburst "I do not say it in a spirit of boasting, but victory is in the air, a swing in that makes it sure."

RECIPROCITY AND RELATION TO THE WORKINGMAN

Some opponents of reciprocity seem to be comforting themselves with the expectation that many workmen, especially those employed in factories, will vote against reciprocity. The expectation is apparently based on the assumption that many of the owners and managers of factories are opposed to reciprocity; that they will attempt to dictate to their employees as to how they shall vote, and that the employees will accept the dictation, sacrificing at once their manhood and their citizenship.

Words With the Right Ring.

"It is now twenty years since I assumed the leadership of the liberal party. When my friends chose me to be their standard-bearer, I swore to myself that I would give to the whole of my life, my soul, and my body, and that I have done."

CONSERVATIVES FOR RECIPROCITY

A List of Some Very Prominent Tories Who Declare That They Hold Country Before Party, and Will Vote For the Laurier Candidates.

- HENRY ARKELL, of Akelt, a well-known sheep breeder, life-long conservative, in interviews and articles supports reciprocity. JAMES MURPHY, of New Scotland, Kent county, brother of the president of the (Observative Association, of the riding, and his two sons are emphatic in their support of reciprocity, and the liberal candidate.

THE ISSUE PUT BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

Here are some of the articles that will pass duty free into the United States from Canada if the electors vote approval of the arrangements made for the simultaneous removal of duties on natural products:

Table with columns for 'Present U.S. Rate' and 'Article'. Includes items like Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Hay, Straw, Potatoes, Apples, Peaches, Butter, Cheese, Milk, Eggs, etc.

That list of articles really represents the issue before the people of Canada. There are a few other proposed changes such as a reduction from 2 1/2 to 5 per cent. on agricultural implements, farm wagons and supplies, but in effect the election is asked this question: Do you approve of the removal of all duties on natural products passing from Canada to the United States and from the United States to Canada? If you do, vote for Laurier and larger markets.

No News of Missionaries. Toronto, Sept. 11.—This morning there was absolutely no news at the Methodist mission rooms regarding the Canadian missionaries in the rebel besieged district of China. The mission headquarters here receive a large number of enquiries daily by letter, telegraph and telephone asking for news of the missionaries.

THE BLUE RUIN SONGSTERS.

"Of course, there are some people going up and down the country now, professional politicians for the most part (though there are some others with them who know just as little about the matter), who are singing a song about blue ruin which is coming on our country through reciprocity with the United States. Whether it would be in the general interests of the country is a question for debate, and about which different opinions may be held, but politicians have not devoted their attention so much to the discussion of this question as in ringing changes on the cry that if reciprocity were adopted it would be the first step towards annexation; that the United States would be buying us, and we would be selling ourselves. I think that is the greatest nonsense that ever came from the mouths of supposedly sane men; as a Canadian, I resent it. I would think little of my loyalty to the British Crown and the British Empire if it depended on tariff schedules. Those who think that the national spirit of Canada is such a poor and uncertain thing that her existence as a nation would be imperilled by an increase of trade with the United States certainly do not know her. There is no part of the British Empire in which there is truer loyalty than in Canada, and she can be neither bought nor sold. It is a strange thing that both parties, from Sir John Macdonald down, have sought for reciprocity with the United States, and looked upon it as desirable, but the United States would not agree to it, and I am not sure they will now; however, when it is apparently within our reach, there is a cry raised against it, as though it meant the ruin of the country."

TERMINABLE ANY TIME

The Reciprocity Pact will only continue in force during Canada's pleasure. There is a specific provision that Canada shall be absolutely free to make any change of tariff policy, or of any other matter covered by the present arrangement that may be deemed expedient.

A Blind Stenographer.

Maurice J. Myers, a blind stenographer, reported all the discussions at the conference on the treatment of the blind held last month at Exeter. Mr. Myers' notes, which were recorded on a narrow strip of paper, extending to a length of two and a quarter miles, and containing approximately 200,000 dots. This clever shorthand writer, who can take notes at a speed of 125 words a minute, helped to formulate the Birmingham system of embossed shorthand. He was trained at the Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind.

The Canadian Northern railway has completed, after one year's delay, the purchase of land south of Toronto, for its extension to Ottawa. Toronto line valued at about \$80,000.

WHAT PEOPLE WANT.

Conservative candidates in the west confess that their constituents want reciprocity by their own anxiety to substitute their income for J. D. Schaffner, of Souris, writing to a conservative constituent, said that "you may not think with me on the reciprocity pact," and added that "I believe that on every other question we will agree, and there are many important questions." He offered to pay this man's expenses if he would be present at the convention. But the recipient of the letter thinks reciprocity the chief issue, and declined to be bribed.

WHERE ALL CONSUMERS WILL GAIN.

If reciprocity is approved by the Canadian electorate all classes of consumers will derive more or less benefit from the reduction in the tariff on certain articles imported from the United States for general consumption.