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THE WEST AND RECIPROCITY.

A special correspondent, who has been investigating the Liberal situation in the Western Provinces, reports that they are obliged to fight shy of reciprocity for the sufficient reason that most agricultural products rule higher on this side of the line than on the other, and reciprocity would do the farmers little good under these conditions. In the West, even if the American duty on cattle were removed, it would still pay the farmer better to retain the home market, since the rail rate, cost of feeding en route, and commissions would absorb the 80c. in favor of Chicago. The only gain from the present revision of the American tariff would be on barley and flax. On the other commodities a free American market would not help them in the slightest. It would be no use in the case of cream, milk, butter, eggs, poultry or vegetables, which are dearer in the Canadian West than in any section of the American West with which fair comparison can be made. In his speech at the New York Peace Conference, Sir Hugh Walker, who came out from the Liberal party on the reciprocity question, showed that there was nothing to be gained in the financial situation by interfering with existing arrangements. This is borne out by the special correspondent we quote. The American settlers flocking in to the Canadian territory say with one accord that money is cheaper here than in the rural parts of the States from which they hail. It is plain that reciprocity would not cheapen money in the West, although it might have the effect of reducing the interest in the neighboring States of the Stars and Stripes, where Canadian loan companies could do business on more advantageous terms. At the present time farmers in Dakota and Minnesota are paying from 15 to 20 per cent for well secured loans while hundreds upon hundreds of them are told by the local banks that they must wait till daybreak appears. Thus the prospects of reciprocity are no longer hailed by the Western farmer as the dawn of a new day. They were fondly led to believe it so by the glowing accounts of what the American market would mean to them, but closer acquaintance with facts, in view of the new Underwood tariff, prove that the Western farmer stood to gain no more by the change than did the agriculturists of other parts of Canada. Reciprocity has been a dead issue here since the last election, and it is now almost moribund in the West. Only an occasional visit from an erstwhile Liberal leader stirs the embers, and the facts elicited by the recent visit of a special commissioner prove conclusively that the agriculturists of the West will not seek to fan them into flame.

A HOLIDAY.

This is the holiday season. Whether for a day, a week or a week-end most of us manage at one time or another, during the beautiful summer, to get away to the country, to wander by the shores or in the woods. There are many attractions. There is the clean, cool breath of the sea and the resinous breath of the forest; there are the strange and infinite varieties of plant and animal life; there are the deposits of earth and rock which carry us into the realm of mystery and speculation. It is on these wanderings that we need a little smattering of nature study, a little more appreciation of the marvels and the mysteries which surround us on every hand, and a little more curiosity and inquisitiveness as to the whys and the wherefores which crowd in upon us at every turn. Around our shores are myriads of fish, a study of whose habits and characteristics would alone fill in a very long holiday. A few days ago a group of little girls, while on a picnic to Rocky Point, employed the last few minutes in a generally futile attempt to capture that familiar little bivalve known as the "razor fish," one of the most curious and also one of the most elusive of our shell fish. They had enjoyed their picnic in the aimless way in which holidays are usually spent and were on their way home, waiting for the ferryboat, when the razor fish hunt was taken up to put in the time, but it is safe to say that the few minutes spent in learning the peculiarities, the habits and the general manner of living of this strange fish was the most enjoyable part of their picnic. The animal

has a history and habits which are worth studying, and it is not alone in this.

Every variety of fish and animal has its own peculiarity and every peculiarity is interesting in itself and the study can be made an educative as well as an extremely interesting recreation. The point is that on every ramble around the shore, through the fields or through the woods there is sufficient material at hand to turn the occasion into a veritable pleasure. How often we hear, "after the ball is over," the opinion expressed that the affair was weary and stupid. The weariness and the stupidity are our own. "The mind is its own place," and every occasion, especially when we come near to Nature's heart, as we do in God's great out of doors, can be made enjoyable by thoughtfully looking into the myriad forms of life, animal or plant—or even mineral—for the latter too has its peculiar life. Let our young people, and it would not hurt the old either, when out on a holiday, look carefully into some one of the curious things to be found in the earth, in the sea, in the air. They are all full of mystery, and the mystery will open sufficiently to the enquirer to enable him to see wonders which will make his holiday more enjoyable and himself a better man. Try it on your next holiday.

NOTES.

Yesterday was one of the windiest days of the season and, either because of this or in spite of it, the city scavengers, with broom and shovel, were employed all day long in stirring up the dust accumulations of days, to the disgust and annoyance of everybody who was obliged to use the streets or sidewalks, and to the serious injury of goods in the stores. Why this dust should be allowed to accumulate for days, why the watering carts should not be used when needed and, above all, why an exceptionally windy day should be selected to shovel the dust into the air are questions which those in charge of the streets may be able to answer but which, to the ordinary citizen, are somewhat of a mystery. The city is well provided with watering carts and they should be used when required. In rainy weather, and we have had lots of it this spring, the streets could be cleaned up, but shovelling dry dust as was being done during yesterday's gale, is about on a par with the proverbial process of "pounding sand in a rat hole."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1813—Americans defeated by the British at Beaver Dams, Ontario.
1822—United States and France concluded a treaty of navigation and commerce.
1827—Gen. Francis E. Patterson, a distinguished soldier of the civil war, born in Philadelphia. Accidentally killed at Fairfax Court House, Va., Nov. 22, 1862.
1863—Japanese ports closed to American and European traders.
1871—Corner stone laid for the New York State Capitol at Albany.
1894—Marquis of Salisbury accepted the British premiership.
1908—Grover Cleveland, former President of the U. S., died at Princeton, N.J. Born at Caldwell, N. J., March 18, 1837.
1912—Field Marshall Sir George Stuart White, noted for his defense of Ladysmith against the Boers, died in London. Born July 6, 1825.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

George Charles Herbert, fourth Earl of Powis, was born June 24, 1862. Congratulations to Field Marshall Lord Kitchener, one of the most famous of British military commanders, 63 years old today. Stuyvesant Fish, former president of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, 62 years old today; George von L. Meyer, former Postmaster General and Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 55 years old today. Lord Dufferin, who ranks among the greatest of the administrators of Canada, was born in Florence, Italy, of Irish parentage, eighty-seven years ago today.

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REV. DR. FULLERTON REVIEWS CONGRESS

(Continued from page one) influences of the home and told his congregation that they need not be surprised that the only thing that broke down a hardened criminal of a few years ago so sunken in his debauched condition that he felt the hand of civilization to be against him—the only thing that broke down the barrier of the man's criminal habits and reached his better heart, was the recital of his early home life and the memories of his mother.

BEGIN AT HOME

It would not be out of place to say there that if they were neglecting their home duties, if they were feeling that the Sabbath school was relieving them of any obligation, they were turning the Sabbath school into a curse instead of a blessing—they were trying to foist on others a duty that they should accomplish. Remember, the one ringing note of the assembly was that the primary teaching of the child must be in the home. As fathers and mothers they were the first agents of God Himself and what they could do by precept and example could never be equalled by any agency. Begin at home was the cry of Christ. For years they had carried out that principle in this church, but had that congregation responded as it ought to have done? Had the families gathered Sabbath morning after Sabbath morning and tried to make the children feel that God had a message for them, that the church was really theirs and that the services they conducted were theirs? They should make their children feel that their church was really a place where God wanted them to be that they might become good men and women.

THE GREAT NEED

Turning to the condition of the church, Dr. Fullerton said they had in the Presbyterian Church in Canada to-day 1,771 ministers, 3,761 self-sustaining congregations and 63 funds of the church. They had 4,989 missionary stations. One of the saddest features of their work, of the work of every Christian church in Canada was that they were not able to supply unbro-only all their fields but only for six months in the year. Their greatest need to-day was not money, their demands were not monetary expressions of their sympathy or liberality in their giving; the greatest need of the hour was men to man the fields of their growing population in the West, and of their decreasing population in the East. They had approximately in Eastern Canada in these maritime provinces 44 charges without any ministers. They had mission stations in abundance that were left without any ministrations all winter. He had said it was not a demand for money and to establish that he now proceeded to relate two instances of how the Superintendent of Missions while on tour in the Northwest provinces received two individual subscriptions of \$100,000 each. But it was not the wealth of Canada that was supporting the Presbyterian church or any other church, because their resources really come from the rank and file. He would, however, emphasize this, he would impress this upon them—that if they had the men, if they could rise to the occasion in that respect, they could get all the funds that were necessary for carrying on that splendid work and from men who were not so much touched by the spiritual aspect of the Kingdom of God, but were more concerned with the welfare of this great Dominion. Dr. Fullerton related the instance of a young clergyman labouring amid innumerable difficulties in the Saskatchewan district for a couple of years without any income, but yet working cheerfully for the welfare of his people, who could not afford to pay him, working for the love of souls. The church, on the case becoming known to them gave that young man a salary. It was in directions such as that that the money they gave to the church went.

CHURCH REVENUE

The total income of the Presbyterian church in Canada for last year was five and a half million dollars for the claims of the church. For the missions at home and abroad, for the colleges wherein they were training their future ministers, for all that they called missionary purposes, their people gave \$1,171,000, which was less than was asked for—\$1,200,000, and that sum would likely be given this year. In every direction the Presbyterian Church in Canada had given at the rate of \$4.89 per family for the claims of the Church, and every communicant had given \$2.56. The average giving per family of Prince Edward Island was \$2.63 and per communicant \$1.76. In St. James congregation they gave at the rate of \$4.07 per family and \$2.06 per communicant. But let him say in respect to that congregation that that amount contributed to the claims of the church only came from a mere handful. If they all gave as God had prospered them, as they ought to give, when they recognized that they were part of that great church, working in this Dominion—with purely the hope—for a higher national life, they would only be doing their duty in and being on the grand and glorious cause of Christ.

MISSIONARY NEEDS

Dr. Fullerton proceeded to refer to the extensive operations of their missions and to show what wonderful results had been obtained, related the Christian movements that were taking place to-day in China and Japan. In the former place he said the new

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Mrs. I. D. Small of Chicago (formerly Miss Celia Haskell) together with her friends Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Farman of Minneapolis, have arrived at Bay Fortune, King's County, and taken up their abode in Mrs. Haskell's summer cottage. Mr. Small will join the party shortly. Mrs. Haskell is at present in Paris, France.

Hon. C. F. and Mrs. McIsaac, of Ottawa, arrived in Charlottetown on the City of Sydney from Montreal yesterday, en route to their summer home in Nova Scotia. While in Charlottetown they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Pethick, Pownal Street.

Mr. J. S. Stanfield, the Government Whip, whose constituency is Colchester, is an Islander, having been born at Tryon where his father had a wool mill. Mr. Stanfield is very popular with the party at Ottawa and, as is necessary in one in his position, is "hall fellow well met" with both friend and foe in the House. Mr. Stanfield thoroughly enjoyed his recent visit to P. E. Island and hopes to make another trip here, soon.

Hon. M. C. Delaney, M.P., Government Whip, North Tryon, and Mr. W. E. Dawson, Boston, came to the city yesterday to meet Mr. W. H. Norton and Mr. Charles W. Toothaker of Boston who arrived by the Boston boat last evening in the interest of the North Tryon Silver Black Fox Company, Ltd., of which Mr. Delaney is President and the other gentlemen mentioned are directors. This Fox Company is capitalized at \$100,000.00 and have now under construction one of the finest ranches in the Province.

Mr. C. Jamieson, M. P. for Digby, who was also one of the party who accompanied the Hon. Frank Cochrane on his recent visit to P. E. Island, and who is one of the coming men of the Conservative party, in a speech which he delivered shortly before the close of the session on the Senate's rejection of the Naval Aid Bill, was most effective in arousing the animosity of the Opposition. An amusing cartoon appeared in the Daily Star in which Mr. Jamieson was seen marching out of the House smoking a cigar whilst the Senators seen in the background were attempting to get at him.

Mr. F. P. Gutelius, the General Manager of the I. C. R., who accompanied the Minister of Railways and Canals on his recent visit of inspection to the Island last week, intends taking up his residence at Moncton, New Brunswick, and proposes removing there next month from Montreal, where he has been living for the past two years. Mr. Gutelius was very much impressed with the attractions of the Island as the result of his visit and he hopes to bring his family here for a fortnight at least this summer, during which period he will make the Island his headquarters.

Mr. John A. McLean, son of N. K. McLean of Mitchell River, carpenter on S. S. Minto, has just returned to the Island after an absence of seven years in the West. Mr. McLean, who is a carpenter by trade, in the employment of the C. P. R., has been over the greater part of the Western Provinces—including Calgary, Edmonton, Athabasca Landing, Prince Rupert and Vancouver. His reports that the trade is very bad out West at present, and intimates that about 50 per cent of the building tradesmen are out of employment, due partly to the depression in the money market, the municipalities finding it very hard to raise money for extension and development purposes. The crops, particularly in Alberta, are not up to expectation, and if the drought does not give way soon, the harvest will be one of the shortest for many years. Mr. McLean is delighted with the prosperous appearance of Prince Edward Island, which looks more go-ahead and comfortable than any part he has touched on his way home. He hopes to spend a couple of months here and return to his situation West.

republic had asked the Christian missionaries there to appoint a day for public prayer and pray for the national Assembly and the President, and that same Government had directed everyone in authority, and every official to attend those meetings. Was that not striking? The Japanese were going to Manchuria and preaching the glorious Gospel of God there. In Central India they had large demands to meet—their work was extending on every possible hand. In the West Indies they could not get sufficient men for the great work they had to do. In Korea also they had missions, and they had missionary ladies who for 20 years had nobly fought the enemy in the various horrible shapes obtaining in Central India, and particularly in the Durbar of Delhi. The followers of Christianity were hopelessly outnumbered, and he asked them to think of the obligation that was thrown upon them to carry to the remote places not of all the world, but of their own empire, the word of love and life that had done so much for themselves. When they remembered what Christianity had done for them, let common gratitude prompt them to go forward in God's cause doing their best for God's children and their brethren, irrespective of creed and colour. In the evening Dr. Fullerton related in an interesting address some of the conditions prevailing in the Northwest and in the other parts of Canada that simply demanded the vigilance of the church and sacrifice on the part of her members if they were going to do their work right.



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