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POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

There is a rattle of political activity beginning in our Province, apparently soon to break into the roar of general elections, federal and provincial. On the right hand and on the left there are conventions, nominations, organisation meetings and small political rallies. The Province is and has been pretty closely divided between so-called Liberals and so-called Conservatives, but the names have long since lost all political significance.

In federal affairs we have one clearly defined issue. The Liberal party stands for reciprocity with the United States which the Conservative party opposes. Apart from that the Conservative party stands as the convinced advocate of the principle of protection. The Liberal party, professedly opposed to protection and pledged to destroy it root and branch, has maintained the protective policy for fifteen years of power. Pledged to retrenchment and economy, and after having condemned their predecessors for extravagance the Liberals have increased the national expenditure to three times what it was in 1896. Pledged to reform the Senate, they have done nothing better in that regard than to make new appointments and increase the pay of Senators from \$1,000 to \$2,500 a year.

There is much in all this to give thoughtful Liberals great searchings of heart. In local affairs we have seen the Liberal party again and again going on record against the introduction of the ballot in our provincial elections. Both in federal and provincial affairs the parties in power stand committed to keep the Province in line with Ottawa, but while this has been done, what has it profited the Province? We have not been able to get money enough for decent provincial housekeeping and are rolling up a big debt from year to year. Still we have more money than the Conservatives gave us.

These are plain and not very pleasant truths. And what has been done, or attempted in all these years to get for the Province a fair through rate for our produce shipped abroad, or to get competition and reasonable charges on express shipments? But shall we reject reciprocity in order to make right these wrongs? Would the Conservative party do any better than the Liberals have done? The country is prosperous. So are all other countries that we know of, free trade countries and protectionist countries. Truly there is much to confuse the mind of the electors. Many questions are before them. To simplify matters reciprocity may be left out of account in provincial affairs. The Legislature has no power to deal with that or with the tariff. The local Government may be judged by its attitude toward local questions: the federal Government by its attitude on federal and national issues. It would be unfair to blame Laurier for the rejection of the ballot.

WHAT BRITISH CAPITAL HAS DONE.

British capital loaned to the Government represents the British national debt today, an enormous debt incurred in the wars of centuries past, but lightly borne because the interest is payable at home to her own people. British capital built the British fleet, by far the most powerful of any that the world ever saw. It has built practically one-half of the merchant shipping that is now doing the carrying trade of the world. It has built the British railway system, the Canadian, Australian and Indian railways, and many thousands of miles of railways in foreign lands all over the globe. It has financed vast mining ventures, corporate enterprises and public works in every continent on the earth's surface.

The Royal Statistical Society-George Paish in a recent paper has shown that Great Britain has supplied to the world three billion five hundred million pounds of capital, say \$17,000,000,000 in Canadian currency. This year the British people, according to the same authority, are receiving \$900,000,000 in interest on the enormous capital loaned beyond the British Isles, about one-half of which is loaned to the overseas Dominions and Dependencies, and one-half to foreign countries. Think of what this means to the 45 millions of people in the United Kingdom. It

makes a national income from capital loaned abroad equal to \$20 per head, or \$100 for every family in the Old Land.

No other nation is today or ever has been the world's creditor to any such extent as Britain is today. British capital has developed the natural resources of India, Australia, South Africa, Egypt and the islands of the sea, and hundreds of millions of it have served a like useful purpose in the United States, in Mexico, in South America, Egypt and China. And these investments beyond the seas are one of the main causes of the present increasing trade and prosperity of the British Isles.

By developing their resources not only have vast benefits been conferred by British capital on other lands, but it has reacted to increase their purchasing power and the amount of their purchases of British manufactures while increasing the production and lessening the cost of food supplies and raw materials needed for the vast industries of the British Isles. In view of the stupendous results, and with British trade and industry making new records from year to year, it becomes hard to believe that the free trade system, under which Britain has become the money lender and capitalist of the world, has been other than a most beneficial and successful policy for the nation and the world.

IF WE GET RECIPROCIITY.

The essence of the reciprocity agreement is free trade in a large number of natural products. This is simply greater freedom to sell and to buy than we have hitherto enjoyed. Thus stated, it seems hard to believe that it can be other than a good thing. We shall be under no manner of constraint to sell our farm, dairy or fishery products in the United States more than we have hitherto been. We shall be in no way limited more than we were before in regard to our liberty to sell in the British market or any other market.

And the same in regard to our buying. We shall be under no compulsion to buy in the United States any more than before, and under no inducement to do so unless we can buy there to better advantage than elsewhere. We shall still be quite as free as before to buy what we want in the British market or in any other market abroad of the things which we need and which we do not produce, or do not produce in sufficient quantity at home. So that the very essence of the agreement is simply greater freedom of both selling and buying than we have enjoyed heretofore.

When one comes to think of it, why have we been all these years seeking new or larger markets in Mexico, the West Indies, Australia, South Africa and France? Why have we subsidised steamers, paying two million of dollars a year for subsidies, mainly to carry our products to distant lands and bring the products of those lands to Canada? All this has been done to make trade easier and in order that we might trade more extensively. All the while our people have found it profitable to trade with the people of the United States in spite of heavy duties on both sides.

Almost half of our trade in recent years has been with our big next neighbor, chiefly because they produce so many things that we want, and we produce many things that they want, because our borders are in touch for three thousand miles and because there are fifty railway or steamer routes over which products may pass from one country to the other. It has never been found necessary to subsidise the carriers for this trade. There are no natural barriers between us. The only barriers are those of hostile tariffs. The reciprocity agreement simply proposes to take down the tariff barriers and allow this most natural and profitable trade to flow more freely than it has flowed heretofore. Does anybody really believe that this can hurt Prince Edward Island or Canada?

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PRESIDENT TAFT TALKS.

BOSTON, July 12.—At a meeting here recently President Taft, speaking on the Arbitration treaty, said: "I am exceedingly hopeful that other countries besides Great Britain will accept the form of the treaty or one like it, and that we may have half a dozen of the treaties with the European countries looking toward arbitration of international differences. This will not abolish war, but it will provide a most effective and forcible instrument for avoiding it in many cases. Of course, war between Great Britain and the United States is quite remote, but the adoption of these great countries of arbitration and mediation as a means of meeting all controversies must have the most healthy moral effect upon the world at large and must assist all the friends of peace in their effort to make it permanent. "Just today four great powers—straw, Paton's, 7-12dtf.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Entered, July 18.—Schns. K. McKenzie, Trenholm, Baie Verte; Eva May, Burke, No. Sydney; A. Lincoln, Murray, Marble Mt.; Blanche M. Thorburn, Lord, Campbellton; Rosie M. B. Walker, Pt. Hastings; Bessie S. Keeler, Brierley, Glace Bay; Jessie and Ada, Huey, Pictou; Doris Hall, Anderson, Pictou; Merry May, McItae, Pictou; Belle, McLaune, Pictou; Joseph McGill, Roberts, Sydney; S. S. Amethyst, Bernier, Summerside.

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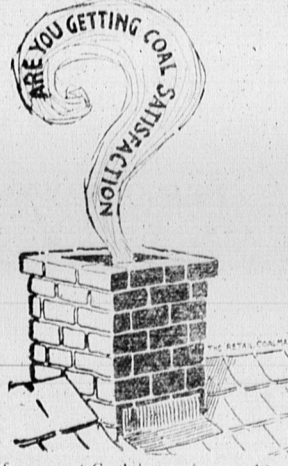
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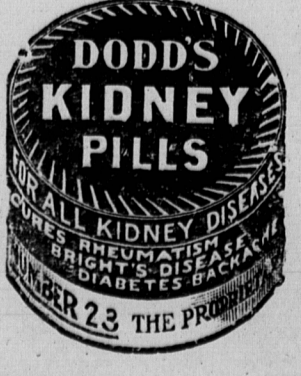
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