

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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THE RECIPROCITY SITUATION JUST NOW.

There seems to be not much use in discussing reciprocity in Prince Edward Island at the present time, and this for a variety of reasons. In the first place the question will be settled one way or the other without much reference to what the people of Prince Edward Island think. The Canadian Government is committed to the agreement made, and with a large majority in both Houses of Parliament will undoubtedly secure its endorsement there. If Prince Edward Island were wholly in favor of the agreement, or unanimously against it the result of the vote in Parliament would not be materially different.

As to the American Congress, we can have no influence whatever upon the decision in that quarter. And whether we shall have reciprocity at all or not will be finally settled at Washington and not at Ottawa. What the Ottawa Parliament will do is tolerably certain. What the Washington Congress may do, owing to political complications and especially the near approach of a Presidential election, is quite uncertain. Were there no party exigencies to be considered, we might count confidently upon the agreement being endorsed, as the majority of the nation is almost undoubtedly in its favor.

There is a section of the Canadian press and of the Conservative party that is clamoring for a general election upon reciprocity. It is obvious that this clamor is quite premature. Were Parliament to be now dissolved and the country were to pronounce in favor of reciprocity, and the agreement were later to fail of endorsement by Congress, Canada would be placed in a ridiculous position. The only logical course to be pursued seems to be that adopted by the Government, to accept full responsibility for the agreement and pass it through Parliament with a suspending clause providing that it shall only take effect after being ratified by Congress.

Our Parliaments seldom last more than four years and the present House is now in its third year. The people will, therefore, have an opportunity to pronounce upon the agreement before long if it becomes operative. Should the Canadian Government be defeated on this issue, which we cannot think probable, the incoming Conservative party would promptly abrogate the agreement, as they would have full power to do. Should the Government be sustained the agreement would stand so long as it should be found to be mutually profitable. If otherwise, either our Parliament or the American Congress could terminate it.

The question has been somewhat discussed whether a treaty for a term of years, or a terminable agreement such as has been made is preferable. Each plan has some advantages and some disadvantages. Reciprocity for merely one, two or three years and ended then would be of little use on either side. And the terminable nature of the present agreement gives it an element of instability. At the same time Canada is in some respects safer than if tied up by a treaty for ten or twelve years. We have this security that if the agreement should turn out as badly as its opponents fear, it can in such cases be quickly terminated.

On the whole we think the terminable agreement is the preferable one. One main reason why there is so little open and active expression of opinion in this Province in regard to the agreement is the uncertainty as to its adoption. Another reason is some doubt whether conditions have not so changed since the old reciprocity treaty was abrogated that what was then a good thing would not be so good now. We do not think conditions have so changed in this Province as to render reciprocity less desirable than it was forty years ago. Certainly the changes in that regard have been far less than in Ontario or Quebec. We are a producing and not a manufacturing people. The New England market would be of great value to our farmers and fishermen.

Another question: Ought our farmers in planning their summer's work to count upon the American market for the sale of their farm products next fall? We hardly think so. The outlook is too uncertain and nothing is likely to be settled before our planting operations are well under way. The potato raiser who changed his seed in order to get varieties adapted to the New England market might make a mistake, and so in other lines of production. It would seem prudent to plant for the markets we now have, for this year at least.

To sum up: The outlook in regard to securing reciprocity is somewhat uncertain. It depends upon factors and conditions beyond our control. It is not yet a certainty, not even a probability so far as our this year's crops are concerned. We must await developments, and especially what Congress will do. If we are to have reciprocity, the Guardian believes it will be helpful to our farmers and fishermen in moderate measure, that it will increase trade, that it will to a limited extent, but not greatly diminish the cost of living. If the agreement fails, we shall be no worse off than we have been, and can still face the future with hope and confidence.

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For the time the reciprocity debate is hung up in Parliament in order to get certain supplies voted before the end of the financial year, which closes on 31st March. Then in April the debate on reciprocity will be resumed. And in Washington, after April 4 Congress will be in session with the reciprocity agreement before it.

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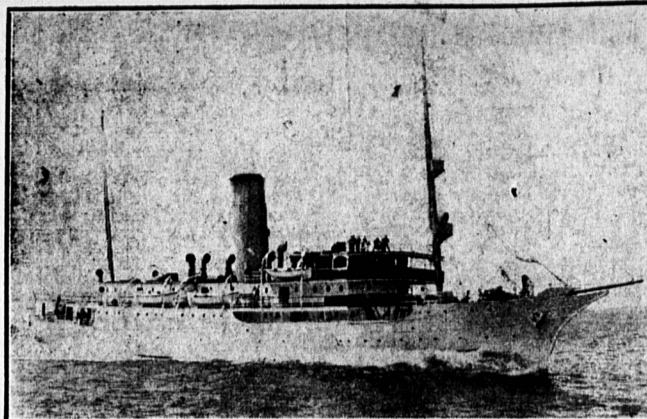
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