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TREND OF OPINION IN ENGLAND

A deputation of the farmers of East Anglia waited upon Mr. Balfour a week or two ago, and submitted for his consideration a series of resolutions passed at a public meeting held in the district. The opinion of the farmers represented is set forth in the following paragraph:

"In the opinion of this meeting of East Anglian agricultural delegates, no sufficient remedies for existing agricultural ruin can be found short of a rearrangement of England's fiscal policy recognizing the importance of special agreements between the Mother Country and her colonies."

We shall be told by the Patriot that these farmers are all wrong, and don't know what they are talking about; that "Free Trade as it is in England" is the ideal system towards which we must strive; and that our farmers must, for the good of the country, be subjected to the free competition of the farmers of the United States and elsewhere. We are, however, glad to note that the agitation of the English farmers has taken a direction favorable to the Colonies. The farmers who voted for the resolution here quoted are evidently in favor of Preferential Trade and a moderate protection against foreign countries with hostile tariffs. The trend of opinion in the Mother Country, it is, apparently, in favor of this policy. It seems that while our Liberals are calling for free trade, in agricultural products as well as in manufactures, the great English industries are either looking for a measure of protection or are complaining of the serious effects of unrestrained competition, and while they wish to be protected against the free competition of countries which will not trade freely with them they are anxious that the over-sea portions of the Empire shall be admitted to full and free reciprocity of trade. This is the true trade policy of the Empire.

FIGURES THAT TELL.

A mutual friend of the EXAMINER and the country recently compiled the following statistics from the official records. The figures are valuable and ought to be borne in mind when considering the question whether the National Policy or the best policy of the Opposition is the latter for Canada, and particularly for our farmers. First, as to imports of farm products.

In the year ending 30th June, 1878, there were imported into Canada (free of duty and brought into competition with our products) 2,162,292 bushels of oats; in the year ending 30th June, 1893, only 44,264 bushels, on which duty to the amount of \$4,426 was collected.

In 1878, there were imported 146,823 bushels of rye, and in 1893 only 362 bushels. In 1878, 7,387,597 bushels of corn were imported free of duty, displacing Canadian-grown oats and peas; in 1893, but 2,631,375 bushels of corn were imported, yielding to the revenue \$152,347. Thus in these three articles there was a difference in favor of our farmers of upwards of 7,000,000 bushels of coarse grains worth \$2,075,941; and while, no duty was obtained from the heavy importations of 1878, \$156,983 were obtained in 1893, relieving the people of that much in taxation.

Again, in 1878, there were imported into Canada 226,850 bbls of cornmeal, taking the place of home made oatmeal, etc., on which no duty was paid; in 1893, only 65,495 bbls were imported, yielding to the revenue \$26,200. In 1878, 5,635,411 bushels of wheat were imported free of duty; in 1893 only 9,669 bushels, yielding to the revenue \$1,359. In 1878, 314,820 bbls of flour were imported into Canada free of duty; in 1893 only 34,507 bbls, yielding to the revenue \$25,882. These figures show that the farmers of Canada have been relieved of a strong competition in respect to these three articles, and that the revenue has been assisted to the amount of upwards of \$210,000 a year.

In respect to pork the change has been even greater. In 1890 the export of hog products was not quite \$650,000, but last year they amounted to nearly four millions of dollars. In 1890 the duty on pickled pork was raised from 1 cent a pound to 1 1/2 cents, and on smoked and cured meats from 2 cents to 3 cents a pound. The effect of the increase of duty was to encourage the production of pork in Canada and to discourage its importation. In 1890 hog products to the value of \$1,455,285 were imported into the Dominion; in 1895 the value of the pork, lard, hams and cured meats was only \$309,436. This was a very great reduction in five years. The increase of duty, it may be said, almost drove American pork out of the Canadian market, and it also had the effect of making Canada a competitor, and a successful competitor, too, with the United States in the foreign market. In 1890 the foreign shipments of hog meats were only 7,730,971 pounds, valued at \$645,560; in 1895 the Canadian export of such meats was 41,930,348 pounds, valued at \$3,943,275.

Look, now, at the exports. In 1878 the Canadian exports of these amounted to 38,054,294 lbs, worth \$3,997,521, and in 1893 those exports reached 133,946,365 lbs, worth \$13,407,470. In 1878 there were shipped from Canada \$1,152,334 worth of cattle; in 1893, \$7,745,983 worth. In 1878 there were shipped of agricultural products \$32,025,611 worth, and in 1893 \$53,785,959 worth. This wonderful increase in exports went hand in hand with an increased sup-

ply of food for the inhabitants of our growing towns, estimated at \$32,000,000 per year.

These figures will give our farmers an idea of what they have to lose by the exchange of the present Government for a Government led by Mr. Laurier.

A PARTY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

(Montreal Gazette.)

Mr. McKinley in a recent speech, characterized the Republican party of the United States as the party of progress. Whenever there is anything to be done for the country, he went on, it was to the Republican party the people looked to have it done. Mr. McKinley's words would be equally, if not more forcibly, applicable, if they were used in Canada. For thirty years it has been Canada's party of progress. It was a Conservative leader, Sir John Macdonald, that saw the Confederation of the provinces in 1867. He was assisted by many Liberals, but he was opposed, and strongly opposed, by many others, and, in one Province, his opponents then are Confederation's opponents now. It was a Conservative party, that conducted the negotiations that brought Prince Edward Island into the union of provinces. It was a Conservative Government, backed by the Conservative party, that purchased from the Hudson Bay Company the great Western land which will yet be territory of half a dozen provinces. It was a Conservative Government, that held out the hand of welcome to British Columbia, when the Pacific province sought admission to the Atlantic Provinces union. It was a Conservative party, that pushed through the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, and commercially, as well as politically, united the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. It was a Conservative Government that conceived the idea of a railway to join the provinces of the Atlantic seaboard to British Columbia on the Pacific, and which, backed by the Conservative party, pledged the country's faith that such a railway would be constructed. For its sins that Government was condemned to five years in opposition; but its Liberal successors were unequal to the task set before them. When a Conservative Government was backed in 1878, there were some locks under construction at some forgotten point on the Lainy River; when gotten point on the Lainy River; when the capital of the new Province of Manitoba, could not be reached except through a foreign country's territory; British Columbia was isolated on the Pacific Coast and desolated, and to get to any point half a day's journey was necessary, the ox cart or the buckboard were the available means of transport. The Conservative Government set to work in a spirit of faith, and, inside of seven years, a passenger could get from Montreal to the Pacific, without quitting Canadian territory. The fertility of the great West was made available, and the Province of Manitoba, that, in 1878, produced less than five million bushels of wheat, last year produced more than thirty million bushels. The foundations of new provinces have been laid west of Manitoba. The vast mineral wealth of British Columbia has been made available, and the lines have been established on the Pacific, to supplement those on the Atlantic, and to grant a travel route between Europe and Asia has been created over Canadian territory. There is no province in which the Liberal party did not criticize, object to or pronounce impracticable. They have been the party of destruction, and the Conservatives have been the party of construction. If the Canadian people want anything done it is to the Conservative party they must look.

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—In reply to a question, the Minister of Agriculture recently made the following statement: "Up to the present, Professor Robertson has performed the duty of agricultural and dairy commissioner as well as that of a minister. He has asked to be relieved of the duties of agriculturalist on account of his time being fully occupied in promoting our dairy interests and in his successful efforts to aid our cheese and butter interests in the English markets. It was felt that these duties were so important and Professor Robertson so well fitted to perform them that we felt that we should meet his request, and his resignation as agriculturalist was therefore accepted. He was named "Canadian Dairy and Agricultural Commissioner." In consequence of this, the question of the appointment of a first-class practical man to take charge of the live stock and agricultural department is under consideration. The appointment has not yet been made, but we hope to be able to get a first-class man. I have received a great number of recommendations of a leading man in the stock industry."

—A correspondent writes a letter to the Springfield, Mass., Republican, in which he argues that it is to the interest of the United States to remain friendly with Great Britain. He says: "When we consider the many attractions of Australian and New Zealand life, it appears quite inevitable that they should draw large numbers from the United States as well as from Great Britain, when America has grown crowded. It is estimated they will have thirty millions in a score of years. Cecil Rhodes is opening to immigration high and beautiful table lands towards the Zambesi—an enormous territory. German will drift there, as they have gone into the Transvaal. What attractions can German colonies offer by Berlin martinet hold the States of the free, stimulating, redundant, boisterous, jovial life among adventurous Anglo-Saxons—of whom, by the way, there are about eleven millions in England's dependencies. By the end of the first quarter or third of the next century those lands will be worth fifty millions, and the British Premier stand at the head of one hundred millions. Picture such a democratic power in close harmony with a United States of more massive force. What a moral pressure could be exerted on the medieval nations to treat all men with justice!"

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Measles are very prevalent in New Brunswick, Strawberries are selling in Boston at \$2.25 a pint. Denver Smith wants to fight either Fitzsimmons, Corbett or Slavin. A Singapore despatch to the London Times says that numerous deaths from the Bontonic plague have occurred at Hong Kong. The officials of the Argentine Republic estimate the wheat crop at 60 per cent. of that of 1895, and add that 400,000 tons are exportable. The Princess of Wales, on behalf of the Queen, will hold two drawing rooms at Buckingham palace, one on March 11 and the other on April 21st. The Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia has written to the British Government and the Czar of Russia asking them to intervene and compel Italy to make peace. A statistician computes that Queen Victoria is now sovereign over one continent, 100 peninsulas, 500 promontories, 4,000 lakes, 2,000 rivers, and 19,000 islands. The British Admiralty has ordered that the new fast steamer Gladiolus fitted for the consumption of petroleum as fuel. This is the first experiment of the kind in the British navy. A general strike of lithograph artists began in New York on Monday. At least 100,000 copies of advertisements are being printed and some twenty-five firms were tied up. A New York girl refused to give up her betrothal to a man who had promised to marry. He had given her up and she threatens to sue him for breach of promise. Storms on the Black Sea have caused great loss of life and property. Several steamers and eighteen sailing vessels have foundered, and it is believed that more than 100 persons have perished. The Prussia of Woda, near Schneidemühl, has been poisoned by strychnine put in the wine which he drank. Despite all efforts to find him, the malefactor remains undiscovered. A New Brunswick woman is in New York trying to prove that she was married to Jay Gould before the latter married the woman who was known as his wife, and therefore that she is entitled to a share of the estate.

On a wager a West Virginia man in ten days drank a gallon of alcohol, two gallons of hard cider, seven quarts of whiskey and six bottles of gin, but he has been wearing a bushel basket for a hat ever since. The attempt to attach a baby for his board bill at Los Angeles met with its ominous failure. The mother walked out of the court in triumphful possession of the infant, and the nurse was left lamenting for her \$10. At Vienna, Austria, a schoolboy thirteen years old hanged himself because he expected a letter from his mother. His brother cut him down just in time to save him from death, but he is now living in a lunatic asylum. Rev. B. Jewett, whose will was prolated at Woodstock last week leaves an estate of \$10,000. He gave a building to the Baptist Church at Hartland, and the West mission \$500, foreign missions \$500, and to the New Brunswick Baptist convention \$500. M. C. McRobbie, of St. John, well known in Charlottetown, recently purchased a wild goose, in whose remarkable capabilities he has the fullest confidence. The animal is described as a dark bay, tall, long waisted, and of unique leg action. Li Hung Chang is going to the coronation of the Czar, and will return via Europe and the United States. It is presumed the Chinese exclamation to his teacher's statements, otherwise he may have an unpleasant experience on this continent of freedom and prejudices. At Dueren, in the Palatinate, Germany, a twenty-two-year-old girl was seized with the hallucination that she had been promised to die the death of a martyr. To make quite sure of it she saturated her clothes with kerosene, set fire to them, and died after terrible agonies. Lieut. MacLennan, of Hamilton, who was serving with the expedition to Ashanti, contracted an illness which necessitated his immediate removal to the coast and embarkation on a troop-ship returning to England. He is now at Malta. His illness is not regarded as serious. Lord Salisbury was a gold-miner in Australia forty-four years ago, and the hole he occupied is still to be seen. On the place being pointed out to him recently, he is reported to have remarked: "Oh, the dear old man! I suppose it was the digging that made him so round-shouldered."

Mr. J. S. Larke, the Canadian agent in Australia, has sent to Mr. Edgar J. Willis a copy of the latest New South Wales tariff. The tariff makes free of duty a batch of Canadian goods and places all our produce on the free list after June 31. This is a movement towards inter-Imperial trade, and the Australian steamship line contributes to its success. A late despatch to the London Times says that the Anhui troops at Kiangyin, 95 miles from Shanghai, have mutinied. By the explosion of the main powder magazine at that point 200 persons were killed and many wounded. One captain has been killed by the troops and the general has been made prisoner and is awaiting death. The foreign instructors of the troops are safe, and are being protected by the Hunan troops. Mr. Long, the British Secretary of Agriculture, is evidently not assured in his mind that pleuro-pneumonia exists in Canada. The most he would say in defence of the bill to slaughter all cattle on landing was that his department officials held that British cattle might contract pleuro from animals imported from Canada. The Montreal Gazette remarks that it looks as if Mr. Long was quite willing to be frightened in this matter. Dr. Jameson arrived in London on Tuesday afternoon and was forthwith arranged in the Bow Street police court. He was loudly cheered on entering the court room, the entire audience rising and uncovering upon his appearance. Dr. Jameson and 14 of his fellow prisoners were charged with "warring against a friendly state." The case was eventually adjourned for two weeks, the prisoners being admitted to bail in £2,000 (\$10,000) each. A threatened action for breach of promise has had a tragic sequel at Manoucheville, County Donegal, where the body of a well-to-do farmer, named McKelvey, was found hanging from a rafter in his barn. He had been engaged to be married, but at the church had made stipulations which the bride and her family rejected. An action for breach of promise of marriage was then instituted, and

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