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Sandwich

John Deal of Port Dover spent a few days in this burg last week. Miss Tillie Pond of Jarvis is visiting at Fair View. Mrs. Robert Booth spent a few days last week at James Jenson's. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Pond spent Sunday in this burg. We are glad to report that Mrs. James Bush is slowly recovering. On account of bad weather on Sunday night some of the boys did not get back to town until Monday noon. John Pretty spent Sunday at Port Rowan.

Garnet.

Allen Cubitt is spending a few days in Toronto. Mrs. T. P. Graham is visiting friends in Hamilton for a week. Sid Graham made a business trip to Caledonia on Thursday last. Mrs. Robert Nichol and children of Clanbrassil spent a few days with her parents here. Messrs. Alex. McMurphy and W. H. Cherry made a business trip to Toronto on Friday last. Owing to the unfavorable weather there was not many ventured out to hear the Rev. E. VanLoon preach in the Orange Hall on Sunday night. Those who did attend were well pleased with the sermon they heard.

Rockford.

The fishing season is here again. The boys were out spearing Saturday night. Early fishing in Marsh. Bert Holmes starts to work for Elsie Somers next week. The farmers are gradually picking up their hired men and nearly everyone is supplied. It was thought there would be a scarcity but there will be plenty and to spare. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith of Simcoe spent Sunday last at the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith. Lloyd Honey has the Bishop living with him this summer. A party of young people assembled at the home of Arthur Jones on Tuesday night last in the form of a surprise for Miss Gerie, but unfortunately Gerie had previously taken seriously ill. This was a surprise for the party, but they retired to a pleasant evening. It is to be hoped that Gerie will soon improve. Her sister, Mrs. Gould, is there waiting on her. Sandy Smith will hold his auction sale on Thursday afternoon. Geo. Hunter, the cheesemaker, was around last week looking up the patrons for the Rockford factory. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith spent Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herron. Mrs. Ellison Somers spent last week with her sister Mrs. Chas. Evans of Hagerville.

The Reciprocity Meeting

On Friday afternoon, 28th inst., a public meeting was held in Chambers' Hall to discuss the question of reciprocity. Rev. D. B. Buchanan was elected Chairman and after a few introductory remarks in which he expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him and his approval of meetings for the discussion of public questions, called upon Dr. Jacques as the first speaker. The doctor prefaced his remarks by expressing his well-chosen words his appreciation of the cordial support that had been afforded him by the Jarvis community when he was a candidate for their representative in the last election campaign. Referring to the question of reciprocity the speaker spoke of the fairly prosperous condition of England up to the year 1846, when more or less products and raw material were urgently needed. In like manner, the doctor continued, the United States were, until a short time ago, fairly prosperous but finally felt, after their resources in wheat fields, mines and forests had been, to a large extent, exhausted, the urgent need of a more abundant supply of such resources in order that they might successfully compete with Germany and other countries. Canada seemed to be well able to supply such a demand and the Democrats in the election campaign, taking up the policy of a reduction of duties, were victorious at the polls. The Republican President, Taft, by a shrewd move, induced the Canadian representatives, Messrs. Fielding and Patterson, to grant great concessions in return for what the Democrats would, for the most part, have given at any rate. The doctor referred to the entangling nature of such a reciprocity agreement as proposed. On account of the "Favored Nations' Clause," he observed, some two or fifteen nations, as well as the United States, will automatically be given the same concessions. It might not be generally known, the speaker continued, that Switzerland, for instance, had been sending cheese into Canada in spite of the duty, and in case all protection is taken away from the Canadian producer, what disastrous results would follow! "The Canadians are, under present conditions, doing well," Dr. Jacques said, "why should they run the risk of making Canada a mere dumping-ground for the excess products of other nations?" Under the British constitution, the doctor observed, it is generally understood that no great policy should be adopted which has not been discussed before the electorate. The present policy of the Canadian government was in direct opposition to such principles. The speaker then referred to a number of prominent Liberals, including Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Conservation Commission who, rather than agree to the Reciprocity pact, had left their party. "And what," asked the doctor, "concerning our relation to the mother country? We have been protected during our history as a Canadian people practically free from the duties of other nations." At present there is an agitation in Britain for preferential legislation with the colonies. This, Mr. Taft is seemingly seeking to prevent. Great Britain with its small territories and large population of consumers is our best market. Why should we listen to the American proposal? After going in vain repeatedly to Washington we went to work ourselves as Canadians; we have built great railroads from East to West. Will we now allow trade to go rather North and South?

F. K. Lalor, M.P., for Haldimand was the next speaker. After a few complimentary remarks regarding the personnel of the audience and the difficulties he had experienced through missing train connections for Jarvis, he said that the reason for calling the meeting was the fact that he considered his first duty, in the matter of Reciprocity, was to electors who had conferred upon him the honor of representing them. When the question of Reciprocity was first brought up, his impressions were somewhat favorable, Mr. Lalor observed, but after mature deliberation he had been led to change his mind. From '74 to '76 the speaker continued, were the hardest times for all classes Canada has ever experienced. The large number of chattel mortgages during this period was one indication. In 1878 Sir John McDonald went to the elections on the Protection platform and was victorious. And this has been the policy of Canada ever since, for the Reformers have in reality made a reduction in tariff of a fraction of 1% only. This policy has brought prosperity and no class, during the last fifteen or twenty years, has been more prosperous than the farming class. It is well for us to remember, when thinking of reciprocity with the United States, Mr. Lalor continued, that 80 or 90% of what the farmer grows is consumed in Canada, the total amount being about four hundred million dollars' worth annually and of the 10 or 20% exported 90% was now shipped to the great home market, Britain. As a matter of fact the United States ship far more into Canada than Canada does to the United States. The speaker then referred to the carefully prepared statistics which had been tabulated by the 700 specialists on the Board of Tariff for the use of President Taft in preparing his message to Congress. "It would be advantageous, we hear," said Mr. Lalor, "to secure the United States market for the better prices that obtain there. But as a matter of fact the speaker contended these carefully prepared statistics go to prove that a better average price for farmers' products obtains, not in the United States but in Canada, that for horses, for instance in U.S. is \$108, in Canada \$133; cows in U.S. \$35.79 in Canada \$43; Sheep in U.S. \$4.99 in Canada \$6; Swine in U.S. \$0.15, in Canada \$1. In the event of Reciprocity the home market would possibly be ruined and a lowering of Canadian prices generally would follow. Farm products at the present time are coming in from foreign countries to compete with ours. The United States for instance sent to Canada 145,000 dozen eggs last January, and in case the reciprocity pact is ratified and all duty is removed from all the exports of the nations under the "Favored Nations' Clause" what disastrous results would follow! In concluding his remarks Mr. Lalor stated that whatever Reciprocity might do for other parts of Canada it was, in his judgment, a "Gold Brick" for the Ontario farmer. The manufacturer would still be protected whereas the farmer would have no protection at all. Rather than countenance such an agreement he would prefer to go "down and out" of public life.

Mr. Thomas Carothers, M.P., for West Elgin, the last speaker, referred to the commencement of his address to the large attendance which was an evidence of an intelligent interest in public affairs. After speaking of Canada and the place it occupies in the great Empire of which it forms a part Mr. Carothers directed his attention to the particular subject for discussion, viz: the Reciprocity pact. Heartily cheers were given at the close of the meeting in honor of those who delivered addresses.

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