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HOW RECIPROCITY HELPS THE WORKING MAN

One of the speakers at the meeting of working men on Sunday evening pointed out that efforts were being made to stampede the working men against reciprocity by the cry that if the cost of living goes down, as it undoubtedly will under reciprocity, wages will drop also. This is entirely false. In the whole of economic history there is not a single instance upon which to found such a cry.

The determining factor in deciding the price of labor is not the cost of living but the supply and demand for labor. That is why the working man in British Columbia can live more comfortably and have a greater surplus above the cost of living than the laborers in the congested districts of the older communities where labor is more plentiful.

Reciprocity, while it will reduce the cost of living, is more likely to increase rather than decrease the rate of wages; for the reason that on the heels of reciprocity will come a greater demand in British Columbia and around Prince Rupert, for workmen to build and operate fleets of fishing vessels, to build and operate lumber mills, to build and operate pulp mills, to build and operate paper mills, to build homes and business blocks for the increased population and to supply the manufactured articles this larger population will need.

One of the first consequences of the ratification of reciprocity will be a labor shortage in the northern part of this province, and this will give the working man a natural opportunity to secure a higher rate of pay.

Next Thursday it will be up to the labor unions of British Columbia to seize this opportunity, and also to see that what they get they hold.

REMEMBER—THE BALLOT IS SECRET

The efforts of the provincial government to defeat reciprocity by machine politics is apparent all over Queen Charlotte Islands and also in the mainland, in Comox and in Atlin, but more especially in the Skeena district.

Great activity is being displayed on the construction of roads and trails, and the provincial Conservative machine is operating through this work to get hold of the country voters. In little places where there are only ten or a dozen voters a party worker is sent to act as road foreman. Out of the public funds these voters are given employment during election time, the obvious intention being to influence their votes by this bribe in favor of the machine candidate.

An old time politician once remarked that it was easy enough to buy voters but the important question was whether they would stay bought. They are a fine class of men, those pioneers on the Skeena, and can be trusted to vote according to their honest convictions. Most of them appreciate the manifest advantages to the farmer and consumer to be found in the reciprocity pact and—the ballot is secret.

THE DANGER OF A LIGHT VOTE

When vital public issues are pending there is genuine danger in a light vote. The stay-at-home vote is a public menace.

The people take a long chance when they fail to go to the polls on election day. The fact is that many evils against which the people constantly complain owe their existence to the indifference of many citizens to their political obligations; and strange as it may seem the very citizens who complain loudest are the fellows who remain at home on election day.

Men who are not patriotic enough to vote when they are capable of qualifying as voters ought to be stopped from any criticism of the government, or of men in the public service, for if they are not interested enough in government to seek to make it better, more efficient and more economical, by active participation in political contests, then it would seem that they should have no voice whatever in the matter. Men who don't vote ought to keep quiet.

Indeed it is a question whether the state ought not to go further, if possible, and disfranchise men who fail to vote, except in cases of sickness or absence from the state. Men who without good excuse fail to vote in some of the old countries are disfranchised, and if the principle cannot be introduced into our system we should work out some other plan either of penalizing the non-voter, or of inducing or forcing men to exercise their electoral rights. Indifference to political obligations is as dangerous as it is discreditable, and some day it is likely to lead to trouble.

Vote early on Thursday. Forget party prejudice. Spurn party coercion. Use your own mind for your own good and the good of your own country, Canada, and your own City, Prince Rupert. Vote early and vote straight for Ross, Reciprocity, and the return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the helm of the Dominion. He captained Canada to her present prosperity. You can trust him.

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RECIPROCITY AND OUR HALIBUT

Prince Rupert, Sept. 19, 1911.

To the Editor of the Daily News.—Mr. G. R. T. Sawle has issued a pamphlet entitled "The Halibut and Reciprocity" which has been scattered broadcast by the Conservative campaign committee throughout the city. Permit me in your columns to reply to this.

He states that: "For every statement which logic and common sense does not prove he is prepared to furnish statistics from public documents." I am afraid Mr. Sawle will have to furnish the statistics.

His logic is not convincing. Mr. Sawle says that "to properly grasp the many phases of the catching and marketing of halibut, one must first realize that all the fish on the coast of British Columbia does not belong to Canada. The halibut may be found in what we claim to be Canadian waters, but until such time as our national treaties recognize them as Canadian waters the fish caught there by United States boats must be considered as American fish. In discussing the tariff we must recognize both Canadian fish and United States fish."

When we get reciprocity Mr. Sawle will not need to flounder about in these fine distinctions between fish and fish as they all will be alike before the law, free of duty. Our argument is that for this very reason all companies will handle their fish through Prince Rupert because the bulk of American and Canadian halibut is caught at our very door. Surely fishing companies will not then carry halibut to Vancouver and Seattle to treat them. Fish require prompt treatment and the sooner they are frozen the better their flavor.

No doubt the Conservative candidate would prefer to see these fish taken to his beloved Vancouver, but reciprocity and a larger, freer market will not permit it. The New England Fish Company will be one of the first to locate here in order to take every advantage of a prompt handling of fish while fresh and if they do not then a better flavored article supplied by rival concerns will capture their market.

This is the opinion of J. P. Todd, said by the Seattle Daily Times to be the best posted man on the fishing industry in the West. Todd says that when reciprocity comes into effect the Seattle fishing fleet of 6,000 fishermen will move to Prince Rupert. This was held in the United States as an argument against reciprocity. What is their loss will be our gain. When the New England Fish Company moves its headquarters to Prince Rupert with its large plant, and its army of employees; when these employees bring their families and become good citizens it matters little to us whether it is known as the New England Fish Company or The Loyal Canadian Fish Company; it will then in effect, be a large Canadian industry with large markets already secured throughout the cities of the United States.

But I will go further than this. It is well known that the New England Fish Company has not yet touched one side of the possibilities of the fishing industry on this north coast. It does not pretend to supply one one-hundredth part of the demand for cheap fish in the United States.

Surely Mr. Sawle takes the "little Canadian" view of the possibilities of our fish industry, when he is alarmed lest the New England Fish Company with its five boats can supply the whole of the Canadian and American markets.

Mr. Sawle says this company is "unafraid of any competition." I fancy that Sir George Doughty and others who have had wide experience in the fish industry of the old country, and who have avowed their intention of coming here, will also be unafraid of the competition of the New England Fish Company with its puny fleet of five fishing boats on our great halibut banks.

Mr. Sawle points out that up to date the New England Company has been able to kill its rivals in the Canadian fish business because the Canadian companies have not been able to ship to the Eastern Canadian markets in carload lots, the home market not being great enough to warrant shipments of this size, and to overcome which the Dominion Government has been granting freight rebates to the Canadian companies. And Mr. Sawle asks: "If reciprocity goes into effect and the duty comes off halibut, what will happen to the Canadian companies? If they need a freight rebate from the Government row what will they need with reciprocity?"

I will answer Mr. Sawle. When reciprocity comes into effect the Canadian companies will not need freight rebates. They will be able to ship in carload lots because their market will be a market of 100,000,000 people, instead of 8,000,000 as formerly. And they will be able to compete with the New England Company will be able to supply only a very small fraction of the increased demand throughout the United States for our halibut and other fish, consequent upon the reduction in price occasioned by the removal of the tariff. The tariff has enabled the New England Company to charge the American market one cent a pound more for its fish than it will now be able to do. It will mean cheaper fish for the American people and a tremendous increase in the demand for this article of food.

My argument thus far has referred to the frozen fish industry only. It is immeasurably stronger when one considers the revolution which the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific will work in the fish industry. Then a fish company which does not operate through Prince Rupert will not be able to place fresh unfrozen fish on its eastern markets, and will in consequence lose its business, the fresh article being so much superior to the frozen.

Mr. Sawle's article throughout typifies that narrow, timid, unenterprising attitude always taken by the Conservative party whenever the Liberals have advanced any new trade policy. It was the same when the Liberals advocated the preferential tariff with England. It is the same with reciprocity today.

Read what Mr. Sawle has to say about our business enterprise: "Canadians cannot hope to enter the United States market and sell at profit against such odds as the New England Fish Company." And again:

"What Canada wants, and what Prince Rupert wants, is a Canadian market for Canadian fish." And logically enough, Mr. Sawle follows this statement up with an attempted knock at Prince Rupert. He says: "There is at the present time sufficient Canadian market for a large halibut plant in Rupert." Evidently our present cold storage plant, in Mr. Sawle's eyes, is our limit.

Mr. Sawle is wrong. We want something more than the Canadian market for our fish. We want a market of 100,000,000 people, and we are going to get it on the 21st of this month. We want as many fish companies as are at present engaged in halibut fishing to come to Prince Rupert with their employees and plants

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ARE HOSTILE AT McBRIDE

Violent Demonstration Against Provincial Premier at Nelson. Crowd Refused to Listen to Him for Ten Minutes.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Nelson, Sept. 18.—There was a remarkable demonstration here on Saturday when it was easily ten minutes before the audience would allow Premier McBride to speak. The crowd was hostile to the Provincial Premier all through the meeting.

Canadian duties average 25 per cent—American duties 45 per cent ad valorem, and the balance of trade is against us. Is it better to raise ours to theirs and have two tariffs, or wipe out both and have none?

RUSSIAN PREMIER DYING

Wounds Inflicted by Assassin in Critical State

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Kieve, Sept. 18.—There is little chance that Premier Stolypin, shot in the Grand Opera house last week, will survive today. Internal hemorrhages have set in.

SIR WILFRID RESTS

Hon. W. B. Aylesworth to Retain Portfolio Meantime

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier spent Sunday resting in Ottawa. The Premier has stood a week's hard campaigning well. At Sir Wilfrid Laurier's request Hon. W. G. Aylesworth will retain his portfolio until after the elections.

TEST PILES DRIVEN

New Quarantine Wharf 500 Ft. Long to be Tendered for Shortly.

Yesterday test piles were driven at the site of the new quarantine department wharf at Digby Island not far from the wireless station. Tenders for this work will be in shortly. The wharf will be about 500 ft. long, and when contracts are awarded work will be pressed on at high speed. It is possible that the contractors in charge of the marine station may be successful bidders for the work.

Vote for reciprocity and resent the imputations of the Bordenites on your citizenship.

Deer for Graham Island

The provincial government has made a shipment of five young deer to Naden Harbor, two bucks and three does, the first of a herd of twenty-five that are to be sent to Queen Charlotte Islands for purposes of propagation. They will be strictly protected and it is hoped that in a short time this game will become plentiful on the island.

Gold Strike Country

Mr. Angus McLeod, wife of Angus McLeod, mining engineer of Carcross, Yukon Territory, is staying at the Central Hotel.

Declined the Honor

C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, is the only American who ever declined knighthood and a directorship in the Bank of Montreal in the same week.—Saturday Evening Post.

Will Boost Rupert

Mr. J. J. Morris, accountant at the Royal Bank here, for some time past, left here today for Calgary where he will spend six months in a similar position at the Calgary branch of the Royal Bank.

If Great Britain is Canada's best market, why has Canada exported seven times the value of horses, and a hundred times the value of sheep to the U. S. above the value shipped to England?—Hon. Sydney Fisher.

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Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range V. Take notice that I, Peter Erickson of Prince Rupert, laborer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north bank of Williams Creek about 50 chains south-east corner of Lot 4415, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 30 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement. Dated July 7, 1911. PETER ERICKSON, Fred E. Cowell, Agent.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range V. Take notice that I, John Evenson of Prince Rupert, laborer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Lot 4415, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 30 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement. Dated July 15, 1911. JOHN EVENSON, Fred E. Cowell, Agent.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range V. Take notice that I, Benjamin A. Fish of Townner, N. D., occupation merchant, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the east boundary and about five chains from the south-east corner of Lot 4484, thence north 60 chains, thence east 30 chains, thence south 60 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement. Dated June 24, 1911. BENJAMIN A. FISH, Fred E. Cowell, Agent.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range V. Take notice that I, Stanley Green of Prince Rupert, B.C., occupation miner, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted 40 chains south of and 40 chains west of the northeast corner of Lot 1738, Lakelse Valley, District of Coast Range V, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. STANLEY GREEN, Pub. July 15.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range V. Take notice that Percy M. Miller of Prince Rupert, B.C., occupation Civil Engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the left bank of McNeil River at north west corner of lot 4409 R.V., thence east 30 chains more or less to westerly boundary of timber limit 545 (old number 4856) thence north following said westerly boundary of timber limit 60 chains more or less to north west corner of said timber limit, thence westerly 20 chains more or less to left bank of McNeil River, thence southerly following said left bank of McNeil River 60 chains more or less to point of commencement, containing 100 acres more or less. PERCY M. MILLER, E. Fleisman, Agent.

Date June 19, 1911 Pub. July 19, 1911

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range V. Take notice that I, Thomas Carter, of Prince Rupert, occupation carpenter, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about one mile south from the mouth of Falls creek and about 150 feet back from the beach, thence 80 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less. THOMAS CARTER, Charles Webster Calhoun, Pub. Aug. 6th.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range V. Take notice that I, Paul Hagen of Prince Rupert, laborer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north bank of Williams Creek about 50 chains south-east corner of Lot 4415, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 30 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement. PAUL HAGEN, Fred E. Cowell, Agent.

Date July 25, 1911 Pub. July 25, 1911

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range V. Take notice that Wm. Francis Nicholson, of Prince Rupert, B.C., occupation locomotive fireman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north bank of the Zim-o-got-it river, about two miles up stream in a westerly direction from the junction of the little Zim-o-got-it river and the main Zim-o-got-it river, and marked Wm. Francis Nicholson's south-east corner, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains more or less to shore line of river, thence east 40 chains more or less along shore line of river to post of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

WM. FRANCIS NICHOLSON, Geo. R. Putman, agent.

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