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Reciprocity Agreement.

How Will Pact Between Canada and U. S. Affect W. I. Colonies?

Question of Preferential Treatment Discussed.

The following letter by Mr. Edward R. Davison, of London, was published in the "Times" of a recent date:

The prospective Reciprocity Agreement between the United States and Canada is occupying much public attention, but there is one phase of the matter which I believe has not so far been noticed.

A Royal Commission recently visited Canada and the West Indies in order to investigate the trade relations between these two parts of the Empire, and in their report the Commissioners unanimously recommended the granting of a preferential rate of import duty to Canada by the West Indies, in return for the Preference already given to them by the Dominion.

In view of the fact that Canada had previously intimated that she expected some *quid pro quo* for her gift of Preference, the West Indies gave the recommendation their immediate attention, and all the local Legislatures (excepting that of Jamaica) have since passed resolutions accepting the principle of mutual Preference.

So far so good; but how will this be affected by the prospective agreement between Canada and the States?

Canada desired preferential treatment in West Indian markets for her flour over that of the States; this she will presumably not now require, when she is to supply the States with the very wheat which is to form the American export.

The same argument may be applied to dried fish and other commodities included in the schedule forming the basis of present deliberations.

Conversely, the prospects of developing a West Indian fruit trade with Canada will not be improved by the free admission into that country of fruit from the United States.

One is forced, therefore, to the conclusion that the new agreement will deal a severe blow to the prospects of increased Canadian-West-Indian trading and will make much of the work of the Commissioners null and void.

May not this idea be borne out by the fact that after the report was issued arrangements were commenced for a tour by Earl Gray through the West Indies in order to complete the Commissioners' work, and that this tour has now been quietly and mysteriously abandoned?

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Fruit Ship Off On Honeymoon Voyage

Captain, Engineer and Steward of the *Salvatore di Giorgio* Take Brides to the West Indies

When a steamship that ordinarily carries no women and no pas-

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sengers takes out three brides, as did the *Salvatore di Giorgio*, of the Atlantic Fruit Company, yesterday, it is an occasion for comment along South street, through which flows all the gossip of the water front.

Captain Christian Biering became a bridegroom three months ago, taking Miss Edele Jorklin, of Trvedstrand, Norway, as his wife. He obtained permission from the company to take Mrs. Biering along with him on several voyages to the West Indies. His success apparently gave heart to others, for Karl Hansen, chief engineer, blushing announced one day last January that his fiancée had arrived from Norway and that after the wedding he would like to have her make a honeymoon trip with him aboard the *Salvatore di Giorgio*.

"All right," said Captain Biering, "but things always go in threes, and I'll wager you a bunch of bananas that we have another bride aboard before another month."

His prediction seemed inspired. Perhaps he knew the way the wind was blowing, being accustomed to keeping this weather eye open for all sorts of things. Anyway, Hans Steinson, chief steward, sought permission a few days afterwards to take his fiancée, Miss Christiana Mikkelsen, also of Norway, on the next trip to the West Indies, in order that they might be married at a West Indian port. The Captain and the company agreed, so Steinson and Miss Mikkelsen joined the happy group. They were married February 23 last at Port Antonio, Captain Kalager, a mutual friend, whom they happened to meet at the West Indian port, performed the ceremony. The ship was dressed with flags and lanterns and the assistant steward prepared a fine dinner for all hands.

Outbreak in Brazil

MANY PERSONS KILLED IN ANTI-CLERICAL RIOT AT SAO PAULO

All the Churches Are Under Military Guard

Rio Janeiro.—Anti-clerical rioting is reported at Sao Paulo. The military and the police attacked the mob, which fought back, and during the encounter a number of persons were killed and others injured. One hundred and fifty arrests were made. All of the churches in Sao Paulo have been placed under military guard. The rioting originated in the disappearance from a parochial school of the young girl who could not be produced by the school authorities when a demand for her was made.

M. Pichon Retires

Paris.—The retirement from the diplomatic service of Mr. Stephen Pichon, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, is officially gazetted.

Farewell Address

The Revd. John Henderson, who had recently been employed by the United Fruit Company leaves Limon on 7th April next for Guatemala to do mission work there. We are pleased to hear of the appointment of the Revd. Gordon Linton who has done good work among the labouring class.

Mr. Henderson was always to be seen among the people, no matter to what station of life they belong, his genial and affable demeanour won for him the good feeling of all he came in contact with and his leaving the republic will be a source of regret to his many admirers. He preached his last farewell sermon at Cedar Creek last Sunday to a large gathering, there was hardly standing room so filled was the house. The use of St. Mark's school room is granted him to preach his farewell sermon in Limon on Sunday 2nd April. The service will commence at 8.30 p.m. We expect many of his admirers and well-wishers will honour him with their presence to hear his last farewell message to them. We have no doubt also, that realizing the sterling worth of the man and the amount of energy he displayed in the past for the uplift of themselves, morally and financially, they will spare no pains in giving him a good send off. As this is the last opportunity for them to show their gratitude to the man who has ever been their friend, we trust their purse strings will be loosed on this occasion.

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The Scene Changed

Big Fire and Great Loss of Property.

Panama the Seat of Destruction.

A Jamaican odd to its Enormity.

The "Sardinia" arrived here early yesterday morning from Hamburg and called in at Colon on her way down.

Coming from Colon we thought she would bring down with her late files of Colon papers that contained full report of late fire there. Having this anticipation our representative was not slow in finding his way on board the ship to see whether he could procure from the purser or anybody else a "Star and Herald" at any cost, as all he wanted was news—cash was no object; he failed in his attempt, but not before taking every advantage of trying to get a paper. But as all disappointments don't spell failure, it seemed so in his case; because when he was beating a hasty retreat, being a busy man, he espied the Captain sitting in a small room. He politely saluted the "Cap," who responded in like manner. He told him of his quest and how eager he was to get a paper that con-

tained the fire at Colon. The genial captain rising from his seat said he had two such papers but he had given them away, but if he would follow him he would introduce him to a gentleman passenger that came from Panama, and who would be able to give him news of the fire.

The introduction proved a cordial and interesting one. The first question the gentleman asked our scribe was: if he did not hear of the big fire at Panama, two days after the one at Colon? Our representative replied in the negative. He said:

A Tremendous Fire occurred at Panama, two nights after that at Colon, under peculiar circumstances and destroyed several houses. The fire started near the Panama Hospital. The patients in the hospital became alarmed as to their safety, but fortunately no damage was done to the building. The

Estimated loss is over \$200,000

and one gentleman suffered losses to the extent of \$85,000. While the fire was raging a quantity of kerosene oil that apparently was stored in a building that was burning commenced to run from the building into another yard, a Jamaican seeing this drew a box of matches from his pocket, drew one and threw it into the oil. This caused a further spread of the cruel monster, and with the aid of a pretty brisk breeze spread to several houses until finally it was checked. The man was apprehended and placed in the lock-up.

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Current News.

The "Parisina" sails for Colon today at 5 p.m. making connection with steamer for Kingston and Santa Marta.

The "Sardinia," consigned to the Hamburg American Line Company arrived yesterday from Colon bringing the following passengers: Ernesto Williams, George Jacobs, Enrique R. Clere and 4 deckers and 7 cabin passengers in transit.

The "Matina," is expected tomorrow from Manchester, bringing mails and passengers. She will leave the same evening for the said port.

On Monday last the Banana Receivers, employed by the United Fruit Company, assembled on the National pier when Mr. Laws, of the Labor Department and Mr. Merrill gave them object lessons in grading bananas, such as what is called three quarter, full bursting, thin fruits, etc. Several bunches of fruits of different grades were on the pier specially brought for the demon-

stration. The men were asked several questions as to what would constitute thin fruits, and so on. The lecture was quite a novel one and the men seemed pleased with what they heard and learnt.

The s.s. "Parisina," consigned to the United Fruit Company arrived here early yesterday morning from New Orleans via Puerto Barrios. The following is her list of passengers. From New Orleans: William J. Arbuckle, Ricardo Villafranca, Ailyn Wilson, Elisa S. Hampton. From Barrios: Rafael Montufar, Mrs. Anita Montufar, Jose M. Montufar, Rufina Rodriguez, Abrey Inglis, Mrs. Felicité Rizarria, Aaron Cohn and 4 deckers and 21 cabin passengers in transit.

The "Prinz August Wilhelm," of the Hamburg American Line sailed on Monday afternoon last for New York. There was quite a large number of persons on the pier to bid adieu to those leaving our shores. The rush for cabin passage was lively as the second class cabins went as firsts. At 4 o'clock precisely the boat left the pier and glided leisurely out to sea. She carried the following passengers. For New York: Jorge Handal Mrs. Labile Mir-tridge and infant, W. Steiunworth, Mr. and Mrs. E. Scholz, G. Peters and 3 children, Miss Eva Steiunworth, W. C. Hamberger, Guilebado Aruz, Mrs. Gasper Ortuño. For Colon: Mrs. Maria Acevedo and child, Mrs. Mary C. Hitchcock, Mrs. Elizabeth Vroone. For Santiago de Cuba: Mrs. Aurelia Zayas Bazan, Adolfo Zayas Bazan, 34 deckers for Kingston and 48 for Colon. She also carried as cargo 21,500 bunches bananas, 4,936 sacks coffee, 101 bundles hides, 3 sacks horns, 89 sacks cocoa, 832 sacks sugar and 11 cases rubber.

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Money Market

London.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged at 3 per cent.

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Arbitration Treaty

Washington.—The negotiation of a new Arbitration Treaty between the United States and Great Britain will probably be brought up shortly by Mr. Knox and Mr. James Bryce.

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