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Heartily congratulations to County Controller Jones. His victory is all the more notable in contrast with the general result. Nobody will begrudge him because of it.

Money in Politics.

The public knows that, under the present domination of the Republican party, systematic debauching of voters and false election returns have demoralized the voters of Lackawanna county and made it impossible for a Republican to get an office in this county unless he is rich or a favorite of the bosses—Times.

ON THE BENCH

In Hon. H. M. Edwards. He is neither rich nor a favorite of the bosses. Yet he got there under the present domination of the Republican party.

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We hope that this prophecy, whether uttered by the Canadian premier or not, may come true, for if the law-making power of the United States should desire reciprocity with Canada sufficient to feel like sending a deputation to Ottawa to beg for it, there would be no reason to doubt that a treaty would speedily be drafted and ratified. Henceforth almost all the longing for reciprocity has been on Canada's side.

Yet hitherto badinage aside, reciprocity of trade and closer communion of commercial, social and also political interests between these two kinsmen peoples situated side by side are the common sense promptings of the situation—the logic of destiny and the destiny of logic. The other day in a speech before the New York chamber of commerce, John Charlton, one of the ablest of the members of the Canadian parliament, made his clear.

After pointing out that Canada had become the United States' third best customer, in the total of goods purchased ranking next to Great Britain and Germany, he called our attention to the fact that the exports to Canada from the United States in the year 1900 were greater than the American exports to Mexico, the Central American states, the South American states, and the West India Islands, except Cuba and Porto Rico, the relative amounts having been: Total exports to Canada, \$118,972,000; exports to the Latin American states, above mentioned, and to the West India Islands, except Cuba and Porto Rico, possessing a population of 26,000,000, or ten times more than Canada, \$98,140,000, or 82.5 per cent less than to the Dominion. This showing, in Mr. Charlton's opinion,

constitutes proof that the trade of Canada is worth cultivating.

It is the opinion and belief of Mr. Charlton, in which he shows becoming loyalty to his country, that the present tariff arrangement between Canada and this country is unfair to the former, since it facilitates the sale of American goods in Canada and discourages the sale of Canadian goods in the United States. He therefore says: "Under the operations of the old reciprocity treaty commercial, social and business relations between the two countries tended to grow more and more intimate year by year. Since the abrogation of that treaty and the adjustment of the present tariff policy of the United States repellant influences have driven the two peoples further and further asunder in sympathy and sentiment. Little doubt can be entertained that the United States government would have found great advantage in the pursuit of a policy as liberal as that adopted toward themselves by the Canadian. I am often asked whether an annexation sentiment exists in Canada. I unhesitatingly answer, in all cases, No; and under the continuance of present trade regulations the lapse of time will not develop such a sentiment."

Making with respect to these remarks such allowance as appears to be called for in the fact that their speaker is more earnestly interested in his than in our side of the discussion, it nevertheless remains that what he says as to the best way to advance cordial feeling between the two peoples is normally true. Let us be kind to one another and let us have peace.

Word comes from the City of Mexico that official society in the Mexican capital is agitated at the un-conventionality of some of the American delegates to the Pan-American congress. It is alleged, for instance, that the chairman of our delegation, when offered the distinguished honor of leading into supper the wife of the Mexican president, abruptly pleaded weariness and went to his hotel. On another occasion a reception given by the Mexican department of foreign affairs, all the ladies of the United States party were present, but only one was in evening dress. These matters are of small moment from the every-day American standpoint, but, of course, they excite notice and adverse comment among the more punctilious Latin, which is unfortunate, though, we fear, not to be helped.

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