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MR. TAFT'S MASTER STROKE

(Kansas City Journal)

When President Taft negotiated the reciprocity treaty with Canada and placed it before Congress for ratification or rejection, he executed a stroke of statesmanship that has brought consternation to the states. Reciprocity is historic Republican doctrine, so firmly grounded in the policy of the party that he who looks with disfavor upon this doctrine places himself outside the pale of orthodoxy.

It was in 1892 that the national Republican platform declared: "We point to the success of the Republican policy of reciprocity, under which our export trade has vastly increased and new and enlarged markets have been opened for the products of our farms and workshops. We remind the

people of the bitter opposition of the Democratic party to this practical business measure." In 1896 the Republican platform again declared: "We believe the repeal of the reciprocity arrangements negotiated by the last Republican administration was a national calamity and we demand their renewal." Four years later the Republicans said: "We favor the associated policy of reciprocity," and in 1904 the platform declared: "We have extended widely our foreign markets, and we believe in the adoption of all practicable methods for their further extension, including commercial reciprocity." In 1908 the national republican party favored, and later enacted into law, the maximum and minimum tariff schedules, an important device to promote trade reciprocity.

President Taft has vitalized Republican principles and fulfilled Republican pledges. Without bravado he has accomplished in this particular matter what McKinley struggled for and what other republican presidents have sought for more than a generation. And, more than that, he has placed the completed work in the hands of congress for final disposition. In this way he has put his detractors on the defensive and has laid the responsibility upon the members of his own party with a demand that they carry out the party's pledges.

The argument that this is an evidence of "weakness" on the part of Mr. Taft is nonsense. On the contrary, it is an exhibition of strength and independence. And in the main the Republican leaders and newspapers all over the nation are applauding him for it. Only the Democrats of Congress and the members of the "progressive league" who feel the ground slipping from under them seem to be seriously dissatisfied.

MASCULINE FASHIONS.

(Kansas City Journal)

One of the distinct compensations of advancing years, from the masculine point of view, is the increasing emancipation from the dictation of styles in wearing apparel. With maturity and prosperity the man of affairs shakes off the dizzy sartorial straightjackets of adolescence and "gets comfortable." This does not mean that he becomes shabby and slovenly or that he necessarily saves money in dressing himself. It only means that when a man of years and responsibilities visits his tailor he instructs him to fashion his garments according to safe and sane architectural designs.

The edict has gone forth from an organization bearing the name of the International Custom Cutters, that there are to be radical changes in mens fashions this spring and summer. It is said that the "foolish" exaggerated man "is to give place to the unexaggerated man," which means according to the tailors blue prints that "shoulders will be narrow, the chest full and the waist narrow, giving the effect of a corset." The trousers will be skin tight, reminding one of the good old days and will only reach to the shoe top. This is called by the tailors the "unexaggerated man." Heaven help the masculine being who has a hankering for a bit of exaggeration along the same lines.

The custom cutters are bewailing the fact that American men do not pay sufficient attention to the dictates

of fashion. Only our college boys appear to pay any attention to the mode of clothing while the men go their way happy and comfortable and not caring a continental whether the custom cutters like it or not. Demonstrate young gentlemen who are supported by generous fathers will no doubt encase their legs in snake skins and pad their chests instead of the shoulders. But the great producing mass of men will keep right on wearing loose and becoming clothing and the International Custom Cutters can go hang.

"THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY"

Frederick White.

Lieut. Col. Frederick White, Commissioner of the North-West Territories of Canada and for many years Comptroller of the Northwest Mounted Police, was born in Birmingham, England, Feb. 16, 1847 and received his education in his native city. As a young man he emigrated to Canada and was first employed in railway work in Montreal. In 1869 he removed to Ottawa, where he was appointed to a clerkship in the Department of Justice. In this position he was entrusted with administrative work in connection with the raising of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, of which organization he has served as secretary to Sir John A. Macdonald. In 1901 he was accorded the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the militia in recognition with the raising and equipment of the Canadian troops for war in South Africa. In 1905 Lieut. Col. White was appointed Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

February 16.

- 1608—Sir Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, who became prime minister of England, was born. He died in 1674.
- 1656—Spain declared war against England.
- 1729—Edward Shippen, distinguished jurist and father-in-law of Benedict Arnold, born in Philadelphia. Died there April 16, 1806.
- 1810—Cushing Eells, a pioneer missionary and educator in the Northwest, born in Blandford, Mass. Died in Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 16, 1893.
- 1812—Henry Wilson, eighteenth Vice-President of the U. S., born in Farmington, N. H. Died in Washington, D. C., Nov. 22, 1875.
- 1853—One hundred and forty persons drowned or burnt to death in the wreck of the ship Independence off the coast of Lower California.
- 1862—Fort Donelson surrendered to the Union forces.
- 1876—Old Hancock Elm on Boston Common, blown down by storm.
- 1878—United States Senate passed the Bland Silver bill.
- 1882—New Parliament buildings in Fredericton, N. B. opened.
- 1899—Francis Felix Faure, president of France, died, born Pan. 31, 1841.

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