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The Laurier Amendment.

When the provisions of the Naval Aid Bill, now before Parliament, are considered in conjunction with the Admiralty's opinion as set forth in the memorandum, no doubt can exist as to their meeting the needs of the situation. There is no suggestion in the bill that Mr. Borden's proposals are to form a part of a permanent policy. No question of a political nature is involved in the contribution of these battleships to strengthen the British fleet. The Prime Minister and his colleagues in London asked His Majesty's Government in what form temporary and immediate aid could best be given at this juncture. To this question there is given in the memorandum an unequivocal reply that "it is desirable such aid should include the provision of a certain number of the largest and strongest ships of war which science can build or money supply."

The course Sir Wilfrid Laurier has taken will not prevent the passage of the Naval Aid Bill. He would have been better advised had he followed the lead of the more reputable Liberal journals and given Mr. Borden's proposals his approval and support. He still clings to the separatist idea as shown in his statement that when "Britain is at war we also are at war, but it does not follow we are actually in the conflict." This attitude and the factious opposition to the Naval Bill will not meet with the approval of the Canadian people, who realize that in union is strength and that the Dominion should bear a share of the burden of defence with the Mother Country.—St. John Standard.

In one of its editions last week, the Toronto Globe, blind leader of the blind, as chief journal of the followers of Sir Wilfrid, published a cartoon purporting to ask what Mr. Borden knows about the naval situation anyway. Well, Mr. Borden probably knew that upon him was placed the responsibility of dealing adequately with a problem that was pressing upon loyal Canadians of both political parties, and that his solution is welcomed is manifested by the utterances of such Liberal journals as the Montreal Herald and the Montreal Witness.—St. Croix Courier.

In New York a fortune teller is on trial for swindling a servant girl out of \$500, her life's savings. The dupe was sold powders guaranteed to bring to her a lover before the harvest moon waned. The moon waned, as did the money, but no lover appeared, so the girl appealed to something more substantial, in the shape of the police, and the prophetess was arrested. The gullible woman's only gain will be the experience obtained from the lesson. The crop of what the vulgar call easy marks is as great as ever; in fact, it is probably greater, for there are more people in the world today than ever before.—Montreal Gazette.

It is expected that the United States Act authorizing the Reciprocity Treaty will be repealed at this session of Congress. In this country it will be unwept and unhonored, though it may continue to be sung.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

The Grand Trunk Pacific.

Finance Minister White has found a way to get around the famous joker in the Grand Trunk Pacific agreement by which the Grand Trunk Pacific were to obtain par for the bonds guaranteed on their behalf no matter what they brought on sale. It is a remarkable fact that a bond guaranteed by a government is not considered as good an investment as one issued directly by the same government. While it is difficult to justify such a stand, the fact remains that these guaranteed bonds always sell at a lower rate than the direct bonds, but it has never before been agreed by any government of Canada in forwarding any enterprise besides guaranteeing the bonds it should also guarantee that they would fetch par in the market. There was nothing to justify such a guarantee. In fact it was exactly the thing that should never have been guaranteed. But Sir Wilfrid was weak where the Grand Trunk Pacific was concerned and Canada had to pay the piper.

This year the surplus revenues will be between fifteen and twenty millions, and Mr. White proposes that the Dominion treasury shall take over these bonds and hold them as an investment instead of permitting them to be sold on the market at a discount. At present they stand at 78. So far, as a result of the clause, the Government has paid to the G. T. P. no less than \$4,994,000. This sum, approximately five million dollars, has gone into the coffers of the company as a direct gift. It is lost to the country. There remains to be issued within the next two or three years £6,800,000. After allowing for sundry commission, etc., these bonds would, on the basis of the present market price, realize about 74, thus leaving 26 points, or some eight millions of dollars, to be made good. Under the original arrangement this sum would be handed outright to the company and be lost to the public.

What Mr. White proposes to do is from time to time to buy these bonds, which, as stated above, are guaranteed absolutely as to principal and interest by the Dominion Government. The result should also be to strengthen all Dominion guaranteed securities on the London market. The full text of Mr. White's resolution is as follows: "That it is expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to purchase at par from the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company such of the three per cent. bonds of the company, the issue and sale of which is provided for by chapter 98 of the Statutes of 1905 and the deed of trust set forth in schedule 'A' to said chapter 98 as may be unsold at the time of passing of an act that may be founded on this resolution."—St. John Standard.

After the first of December immigrants coming to Canada must show \$50 in real money. When the Christmas shopping season is over it would bother a great many of the natives to make a similar display.—Vancouver Province.

Christmas Gifts.

As this is the season of generous giving, we would like to come into the list of recipients in a small way. We do not ask for any Christmas presents; but we would like to be the recipient of a large number of Herald subscriptions. We need the money and no more acceptable Christmas gift could come to us.

Death of Rev. R. J. Gillis.

The death of Rev. R. J. Gillis P. St. Peter's occurred at the Charlottetown Hospital on Thursday afternoon last. He had been in poor health for the last two or three years and of late had become very weak and entered the hospital for treatment. Here he gradually sank until the end came as above stated.

The deceased priest was a native of Pisquid in St. Andrew's parish. Here he attended the district school and in due time entered St. Dunstan's College. Subsequently he went to Rome and pursued his ecclesiastical studies at the College of the Propaganda. He was ordained in 1888 and immediately returned home. Shortly afterwards he was appointed pastor of St. Peter's parish and continued in that position until the time of his death. His feeble health for the last two or three years necessitated his having an assistant for part of the time.

The mortal remains of the deceased priest were brought to St. Peter's by train Friday morning, and the coffin was borne to the sanctuary of the church and placed on a catafalque where it remained until Saturday morning when the last solemn obsequies took place. There was a very large attendance of priests and people at the funeral services.

Rev. R. J. McDonald, nephew of the deceased, was celebrant of the Solemn Mass of Requiem, and was assisted by Rev. F. X. Gallant, as deacon and Rev. John A. McDonald, as sub-deacon. Rev. A. J. McIntyre was first Master of Ceremonies and Rev. I. R. A. McDonald, second Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Fathers Croken and Rev. Pius McDonald were acolytes and Rev. K. C. McPherson was censer bearer.

Very Rev. Mgr. Phelan, Administrator, presided in the Sanctuary and the other priests in attendance included very Rev. Mgr. Donald M. McDonald; Rev. R. B. McDonald; Rev. A. J. McDonald; Rev. Dr. Walker; Revs. A. P. McLellan, J. C. McLean, P. D. McGuigan, Dr. G. J. McLellan, Dr. J. C. McMillan Maurice McDonald, Dr. P. C. Gauthier, Dr. Martin Moaghghan, T. Campbell, Dr. Benard McDonald, Dr. T. Curran, A. McAulay, Dr. J. J. Chaisson, J. B. Gaudet, Dr. Benard Gillis and S. J. McDonald.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Rev. J. C. McMillan D. D. Cardigan, ascended the pulpit and delivered the funeral sermon. His text was from the book of Job, XIX chapter 25th 26th and 27th verses: "For I know that my Redeemer liveth; and in the last day I shall rise out of the earth; and I shall be clothed again with my skin, and in my flesh I shall see my God; whom, I myself shall see, and my eyes shall behold, and not another; this my hope is laid up in my bosom."

The discourse was a masterpiece of sacred eloquence; a direct, clear cut exposition of Catholic doctrine; a generous, pathetic tribute to a departed brother priest. Many in the large congregation were moved to tears during the delivery of the sermon. Any attempt to summarize the discourse would only mar its harmony and detract from its excellence.

The Rev. preacher first referred to the sad and solemn occasion that brought together those assembled. He pointed out how consoling it was to know on the unerring word of God, that those who observed the divine law, would see God in love face to face, as set forth in the words of his text. He next showed how God, in his wisdom had chosen to redeem the world by sending His only begotten Son to suffer and die on the Cross. God might have chosen innumerable methods; but He chose this one. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was the continuation of the Sacrifice of Calvary, and the priest was the sacrificial minister. Thus the priest was the instrument of reconciliation between God and man. After describing the office and responsibility of the priesthood, the Rev. preacher sketched the sacerdotal career of him who lay before them cold in death. He told of his arduous labours in the ministry during his twenty-six years pastorate at St. Peter's. It was not often he said, that a priest spent his whole pastoral life among one flock; but such had been the case with Father Gillis. During all these years he had not spared himself, for the good of his parishioners. He left to them one of the very finest country churches in the diocese, if not in the Maritime Provinces. His labours were now over and all those who had been his parishioners could do was to pray earnestly for the repose of his soul. His

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All that tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on Township Number Fifty-one, in King's County, bounded and described as follows, that is to say:—Lying on the North side of Montague River and having a front on said river of five chains and extending from said river by parallel lines Northwesterly one hundred chains, or until it meets land formerly in possession of John Mellich, now in possession of George Mellich, being bounded on the North by land formerly in possession of George Mellich, on the West by Malcolm Martin's farm, and on the South by said Montague River, and on the East by land in possession of Anthony Collins, formerly in possession of the late James Stewart, containing by estimation fifty acres of land, a little more or less, being the Western moiety of one hundred acres of land formerly the property of the said late James Stewart. Also all that other tract of land on said Township Number Fifty-one, bounded and described as follows, that is to say:—Commencing at a stake fixed on the North side of the Montague River ten chains due West from the boundary line dividing Lots or Townships Numbers Fifty-one and Fifty-two, thence North ninety-five chains, thence West ten chains, thence South to the shore of Montague River aforesaid, thence along the various courses of the shore to the place of commencement, and containing one hundred acres of land, a little more or less.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. McLeod & Bentley, Solicitors, Bank of Nova Scotia Building, Charlottetown. Dated this Seventh day of December, A. D. 1912. A. A. BARTLETT, Executor of the last Will and Testament of the late Conn. D. Rankin. December 11, 1912-41

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