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DOING A PATRIOTIC WORK.

Only a short-sighted, narrow-minded partisanship tries to deny or disparage the great service to the country which Sir Wilfrid Laurier is performing in the west.

Thousands of newcomers from across the line and across the sea have received a baptism of Canadian sentiment by seeing and hearing the first citizen of the Dominion. He is the most attractive symbol of Canadian nationality. He personifies his country for all races as no other Canadian does. He has made Canada more real and tangible to the new Canadians. He has helped to bring the East and the West nearer to each other. He has given to Americans, Galicians, Germans, French, and other homeseekers of foreign extraction, a clearer idea of the advantages and opportunities of Canadian citizenship. He has interpreted to them the meaning of the imperial relationship.

Sir Wilfrid has been criticized for alluding frequently to the circumstance of his French descent. He has had a loyal and patriotic purpose: to demonstrate that in Canada a man who identifies himself with the country may rise to the highest station, whatever his race or creed. Sir Wilfrid points to himself as an illustration of this truth, and of the free and tolerant spirit of British institutions. Nothing could more impress the settlers of alien origin with the privileges of citizenship in the land of their adoption. For all these reasons the interest aroused among the western people by the Premier's presence is a substantial asset to the country, which all Canadians should appreciate. It is something more than a stumping tour by a party chieftain. It is a great Canadian propaganda.

THE GREATEST OF NATIONS.

The British subject is able to boast of belonging to the most permanent, largest, most populous, wealthiest and most widespread empire the world has known, nor is it likely that any future change or development in generations to come will bring a greater one. This statement is amply borne out by a departmental return recently issued by the British Government showing the growth of the empire in population and trade. The returns are made up to 1908, which, in view of the wide extent of the empire, shows good work.

The growth of the empire, exclusive of India and the crown colonies, in population in a period of twenty-seven years is shown in the appended table:

	1881.	1908.
United Kingdom	34,884,848	45,008,421
Canada	3,745,574	6,945,000
Australia	2,250,198	4,275,306
New Zealand	489,933	972,982

In 1881 the empire's total population was 303,694,000, and by 1901 it had increased to 385,357,000. Meanwhile, the area has reached 11,334,000 square miles, giving an average population of 34 to the square mile.

For the British Isles alone the population is given at 342.4 per square mile; for British India, 213.3; for New Zealand, 7.8; for Australia, 1.3, and for Canada, 1.4. Of the total population of the empire about three-quarters is credited to India, the population of which, including the native states, is placed at nearly 300,000,000.

DESTROYING A NATION.

Five successive czars, the present one included, have at their coronations solemnly promised the Diet and people of Finland that the constitutional autonomy of their country would be maintained. It has remained for the present Czar, whom the world once hailed as an idealist, to violate the pledge, and to seal with his approval the most ruthless attempt to extirpate a nation and a race since the partition of Poland. His report of March 27 provided that the fundamental laws of Russia should be extended to Finland, regardless of the Finnish constitution and Diet; that the Czar and two houses of the Russian parliament should have exclusive jurisdiction over all Finnish questions relating in any way to imperial interests; that the Czar alone should have power to define and name such questions, and that Finland should be allowed five representatives in the Duma and one in the upper chamber of the Russian parliament. A list of seventeen subjects or branches of civil administration is incorporated in the measure, which subjects are declared to be imperial in their character and are, therefore wholly withdrawn from Finnish jurisdiction. Included in the list are the regulation and control of all societies and associations, public meetings, public schools, and the press.

When laid before the Duma, the measure met the unyielding opposition of the Constitutional Democrats, the Social Democrats and the Polish group, on the ground that it was a violation of the Finnish constitution and of the coronation oaths of every czar since Alexander I. The overwhelming Government majority, however, forced the legislation through the Duma without permitting debate, the minority being even refused a stenographic report of the proceedings. Finally the opponents of the rescript withdrew, leaving the Czar's ministers and their servile supporters to complete their wretched work.

The Finns realize their present powerlessness against Russian oppression; otherwise Finland might now be in the throes of a revolution. They may be comforted by the sympathy of the friends of liberty the world over, but they cannot look for a helping hand among the governments of the world. France is tied to the Russian alliance; Great Britain's fear of Germany has thrown her into the arms of Russia, and there is no other European nation powerful enough or sufficiently imbued with the spirit of liberty to make an effective protest. The one progressive, enlightened portion of the Czar's domain is to be reduced, if possible, to the dead level of the rest. It is to be put under the Muscovite steam roller and flattened out in the name of the unification of the empire.

Sir Wilfrid hears not a whisper about the autonomy bills in the west.

Mr. Borden has begun a political tour in the east. As a counter attraction to a certain tour in the west it is doomed to failure.

Of 3,100 persons released on parole from Canadian penitentiaries, only 64 have returned for criminal offences. At least 93 per cent have become good citizens.

The defence of Mayor Gaynor's assailant will be insanity. The lack of sanity in the administration of the criminal law is partly responsible for the frequency of this plea in murder cases across the line.

A few journals are attacking the minister of labor from partisan motives because of his conscientious efforts to bring about peace between the Grand Trunk and its employees. But for those efforts there would still be war. And if war still prevailed how these same journals would heap abuse on the minister!

The Hamilton library board accepts $75,000 of American money from Carnegie, and then refuses to consider the plans of two Canadian architects on the pretext that they are disqualified because they studied architecture in New York. This picayune patriotism is merely intended to cover a scheme to give the work to a local party favorite. The Hamilton library board is not fit to run a library, which is supposed to teach broader ideas.

NOT IF DIVIDED.

[Philadelphia Record.]

Tommy—Pop, does the earth go round?
Tommy's Pop—Yes, my son, but it wouldn't if it was divided among all the people who want it.

AN OLD CANADIAN.

[Ottawa Free Press.]

Lord Strathcona, Canada's high commissioner at the seat of the empire, was 90 years of age on Saturday. He is still so full of youthful vigor and enthusiasm that he doesn't like being called an old man. He admits, however, that he is an old Canadian.

That is a nice distinction to make, and one characteristic of this man who began life as a herd laddie, and spent many years in Labrador solitudes before emerging to win fortune and fame.

The phrase "an old Canadian," has a swing of youth about it, and likely that is the reason Lord Strathcona prefers it to that of "an old man."

PASSING OF THE CRADLE.

[Ottawa Free Press.]

Ella Wheeler Wilcox has issued a lament on the passing of the cradle. It strikes us as being along the lines of sentimental gush that this authoress is addicted to. The cradle has passed, the same as coal oil lamps and tallow dips. We have collapsible baby carriages, perambulators and other products of inventive minds that afford as much comfort and infinitely more variety for the precious occupants.

"THE THREE MUSKETEERS."

[Montreal Witness.]

It was the statesman Canning who gave immortality to the story of the three tailors of Tooley street, in Southwark, who addressed a petition to the House of Commons, beginning: "We, the people of England." Similarly that queerly-assorted triumvirate, Messrs. Henri Bourassa, Jean Prevost and Armand Lavergne, presume to speak for the people of Canada, and to pretend that they are aggrieved because they were not consulted about a Canadian navy. That cry was invented by Mr. Monk, when he could think of no other, for opposing, as he found himself forced to do, any armed contribution by Canada to the imperial strength. If the Canadian people, outside of those excited by Mr. Bourassa, have felt aggrieved at not being consulted by prebiscite, they have been singularly quiet about it.

UNSETTLED.

[Harper's Weekly.]

"Is the lady of the house in?" asked the sewing machine agent.

"D'ye mane me or the woman what owns it?" demanded Bridget.

THE HORSE HOLDS.

[Hamilton Times.]

Automobile makers say their machines have already displaced over 500,000 horses. Perhaps so; but it is to be noticed that there has never been a time when horses were in greater demand or brought higher prices.

PARTIES AND THE TARIFF.

[Weekly Farmers' Sun.]

The London Advertiser says the Ottawa Opposition will oppose a reduction of the tariff if the Government proposes it, but it is almost as certain that the Opposition would cater to low tariff sentiment if the Government made no move.

History justifies The Advertiser's statement. There is nothing in the nature of the sanctity of tradition behind the tariff policies of the two parties in this country. It is an historical fact that Sir Charles Tupper, financial critic for the Opposition of that day, expected Sir Richard Cartwright, as minister of finance in the Mackenzie Government, to propose a protectionist policy in the late seventies. There is reason for believing that Sir Charles was ready at the same time to denounce a policy that "would put the Maritime Provinces under the iron heel of a protectionist tariff devised for the benefit of Ontario." When, however, Sir Richard Cartwright nailed the free trade colors to the masthead, Sir Charles Tupper and the Conservative Opposition shouted for protection. It was a mere accident that the parties lined up as they did.

Today there are protectionists on the Liberal side and low tariff men among the Conservatives. Leaders on both sides have until lately been looking to the protected interest for support, but recent developments having indicated that there may be greater political profit in declaring for freer trade, it is only a question of time until either Sir Wilfrid Laurier or Mr. Borden offers to head the new movement. It is largely a matter of chance which moves first, and to the tariff-burdened people of Canada it is a matter of indifference so long as results are obtained.

POWER OF SUGGESTION.

[Puck.]

Angry Man (at the telephone)—You go hang yourself, Smithers! (After a pause) Do you hear me?

Central—Your party hung up.

CURVES.

[Puck.]

School Trustee—Remember, children, Michael Angelo often worked for months on a single curve.

Willie—Whatchergivinus? Never heard of the bushleaguer.

SHORT OF IT.

[Scraps.]

"Papa," said Willie, "is 'gent' short of 'gentleman'?"

"Yes, my boy," replied the old man, "a gent is far short of a gentleman."

AN AID TO JUSTICE.

[La Presse, Montreal.]

Sans les journaux, le Dr. Crippen et sa compagne auraient echappe au regard indifferent due captaine du "Montrose." C'est ainsi que la presse, malgre ses exagerations, est encore au fond le meilleur auxiliaire de la justice. Mieux encore que le telegraphe sans fil, elle traque le crime sur tous les coins du monde.

WHEN A GIRL IS AROUND.

[J. W. Foley.]

When a girl is around and is watching of you,
It is wonderful all of the things you can do;
You can run twice as fast and jump twice as high,
You can turn a neat handspring and never half try;
You can hop, skip and jump, and you're never afraid
To take any kind of a dare that is made;
You can hang from your toes twenty feet from the ground
On the limb of a tree—when a girl is around.

When a girl is around and you're sure that she sees,
You can do your best tricks on the swinging trapeze;
You can jump a high fence with the gracefullest spring
And hang by your toes from the ropes of the swing
When it's going its best—what if you get a fall,
You say that it really don't hurt you at all,
If it makes you see stars—and you're up with a bound
And a smile on your face—when a girl is around.

When a girl is around—some nice girl that you know—
And the boys will stand back there and give you a show,
You can walk on your hands just as far as you please,
And never get tired—if you're sure that she sees;
No matter what happens you're not a bit scared,
You'd lead all the boys into war if they dared,
And you'd show all the lads that your lungs are quite sound,
And your legs and your arms—when a girl is around.

When a girl is around—oh, the heroes we are!
Who can leap twice as high, who can jump twice as far,
Who can cut up such antics as never before,
Who can conquer all worlds and then look out for more!
From sloughs of dead level as giants we stir,
To prove all our might and our prowess —to her;
And we reach dizzy heights at a leap and a bound,
As a lad at his play—when a girl is around!

KING GEORGE' STAMPS.

[M. A. P.]

The story is going around that when George V. named his private secretary to take the place occupied by Lord Knollys under Edward VII., the King asked him, familiarly, "What should be the opening of my reign?" "Your Majesty," was the response, "all reigns begin in the same way." "And how is that?" "With the creation of a new postage stamp." Whereupon the King smiled sweetly. The secretary had struck a responsive chord, for George V. is, in fact, the first philatelist of the century. His unrivalled collection is valued at many thousands of pounds. It contains practically every postage stamp since 1846, the date of Rowland Hill's innovation, not only of England and the British colonies, but of every country that ever issued a postage stamp. The new British stamp will, it is said, soon appear, and, of course, it will bear the effigy of George V. in profile, but turned in the opposite direction to that of King Edward VII. The postoffice has its established customs. One of these is that two kings, one following another, must not face in the same direction.

OLD ONTARIO'S NEEDS.

[Ottawa Free Press.]

The very fact that not nearly all the really arable land in Old Ontario is being worked is a serious situation. When the land is not being all worked it means that not nearly the number of hogs are being produced; it means that not nearly the amount of cereal food is being brought to market, and other things in proportion, and then there follows the natural result, high cost of living in towns and cities.

It is all very well for Hon. Mr. Duff to go up to New Ontario and tell the settlers there that they have more conveniences than the real original settlers in the older part of the Province. He encourages these settlers in making such remarks, but what the Hon. Jim ought to devote time to is giving a little practical encouragement to the descendants of settlers in Old Ontario.

VALUE OF A LITTLE THING.

[Ohio State Journal.]

To our shame we admit that there are times when party solidarity does not seem so paramount to us as a second piece of Huckleberry pie.

ROBS HOTEL TILL AT PORT STANLEY

Proprietor of Hotel Invererie Loses $120 Through a Slick Crook.

William Mahon, proprietor of the Invererie Hotel at Port Stanley, was the victim of a sharp crook yesterday and is about $120 the poorer today.

Shortly after 3 o'clock a thief by some means got into the till and removed $40.

Earlier in the day he had made his way into the refreshment room, and appropriated $80.

The loss was not discovered until quite late in the afternoon, but as soon as it was known word was sent out.

A description of the man has been secured, and the police are working on the case.

HANDY WITH PROBE IS GAYNOR'S "SUB"

New York's Acting Mayor Very Young and a Great Investigator.

New York, Aug. 12.—As the immediate result of the attack on Mayor Gaynor the public affairs of New York city will be placed in the hands of an exceptionally youthful executive, John Purroy Mitchel, acting-mayor by virtue of being president of the board of aldermen. Mr. Mitchel would of necessity have been acting-mayor during the absence abroad of Mayor Gaynor, but now owing to the latter's injuries, Mr. Mitchel will probably be in executive charge for months.

Mr. Mitchel is 30 years old, but during his three years of public life he has achieved prominence by his investigations into many city departments and also by bringing about the removal of John F. Ahearn as president of Manhattan and Louis F. Haffen as president of the Bronx.

Mr. Mitchel is an independent Democrat, although he is a member of a family that has long been prominent in Tammany politics. His entrance into public life was as assistant corporation counsel under William B. Ellison, who first assigned him to represent the city before the commissioner of accounts in their investigation of John A. Ahearn, president of the borough of Manhattan.

Mr. Mitchel conducted a thorough inquiry into the management of the board of water supply, which indirectly resulted in the reorganization of that board; investigated the fire hose scandal, conditions in the police courts and delved into other city departments.

At the Republican city convention in September, 1909, Mr. Mitchel was nominated for president of the board of aldermen and his candidacy was indorsed by the fusionists.

Mr. Mitchel was born in Fordham and was graduated from Columbia University and later from the New York law school. He was married in April of last year to Miss Olive Child, daughter of Franklin D. Child.

BRITISH SHIP ASHORE OFF HONOLULU HARBOR

Captain Deceived by New Lighthouse —Vessel Breaking Up.

Honolulu, Aug. 12.—The British barkentine Helga, bound from Newcastle to San Francisco, went ashore today on Diamond Head, at the entrance to this harbor. Capt. Wall, of the Helga, mistook the new lighthouse at Makapu for the point.

The Helga, which left Newcastle 118 days ago with a cargo of coal, leaked almost continuously during the voyage. The vessel has been abandoned by the crew and is breaking up.

WHITCOMB RILEY ILL

The Hoosier Poet in Critical Condition at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 12. — James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, is seriously ill at his home in this city. He was able to sit up a few minutes today. Mr. Riley, who is said to be suffering a mild form of paralysis, has not been able to leave his home for several weeks, but his condition has not been regarded critical until recently.

DRILL AT THE ARMORIES

Physical Training Exercises Commenced Last Night.

The regular physical drill class, made up of men from Wolseley Barracks, the Seventh Regiment and others, was held at the Armories last night under the direction of Instructor White, and for more than an hour the 39 men who were in attendance were put through various exercises. Owing to the work at Wolseley Barracks the class will not meet next week, but will continue the week following.

A CHICAGO TRAGEDY

Crack Shooter Murders Four of Family and Suicides.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 12.—W. J. Meyers, keeper of a shooting gallery, used his skill with a revolver, with tragic purpose today, shooting three members of his household through the head and then taking his own life.

Just four shots were fired and four lives were snuffed out by Meyer's unerring aim. The dead: W. J. Meyers, aged 40, 2934 Cottage Grove avenue; Mrs. Grace Meyers, aged 25, wife of above; Ralph Meyers, aged 7, their son, and F. S. Boulton, aged 55, father of Mrs. Meyers.

Policeman Dennis O'Neil was passing the Meyers' home when he heard the four shots in rapid succession. Breaking into the apartment he found the dead where they had fallen. A revolver with four chambers empty lay beside the bodies of the dead. Death in all four cases was almost instantaneous.

Meyers and his wife separated recently after she had him placed under bonds to keep the peace.

MELBA'S CONCERT TOUR.

London, Aug. 11.—Melba has been engaged by Edmund Burke for a concert tour through Great Britain in 1911.

Come and Inspect Our New Fall Dress Goods

CHAPMAN'S

Store Open Saturday Until 10 p.m.

Remarkable Popularity and Wonderful Selling Powers of Our "Tokio Silk"

The eagerness with which people buy this beautiful wash fabric, stamps it as the foremost rival to any silk material, with the same bright finish as silk. Its wearing qualities are undoubtedly better. For rich evening gowns this fabric is most popular and suitable. We have all the leading shades in stock yet, but they are fast disappearing, and we are not sure that we can duplicate this material. Shades are cream, pale blue, mauve, grey, apricot, pink, wine, navy, brown, cadet blue, blue, grey and old rose. On sale Saturday for, per yard 30c

Cotton Delains Rapidly Moving at, Per Yard, 8½c

Table of pretty Cotton Delaines, in garnet, blue and fawn grounds, with figures and Persian stripe designs, splendid wash fabric for house dresses, sacks and children's dresses. Regular price 12½ and 15c, Saturday for per yard..... 8½c

$6 and $7 Dress Skirts for $1.98

50 only Women's Skirts, made of all-wool tweeds, in medium colors, splendidly tailored and perfect fitting garments. Regular prices $6.00 and $7.00; Saturday for $1.98

SALE OF STUNNING MULL DRESSES CONTINUES AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

White Dresses of rich silk finished Irish Mull. Were $9.00, $10.00, $10.50 and $15.00, for $6.75, $7.50, $7.75, $10.75

Two Rousing Bargains From the Clothing Department

Boys' Two-Piece Suits Worth $5, on Sale Saturday For $2.88

Boys' Two-Piece Suits, in Norfolk and double-breasted styles, straight or bloomer knickers, well made and properly lined; sizes to fit boys of from 8 to 12 years. On sale Saturday at.. $2.88

$15 and $18 Men's Suits $9.75

Men's Natty Suits of fine all-wool English worsteds, in the newest patterns and colorings, smart three-button sack styles. This is without doubt the best clothing value in our history. These Suits are perfectly tailored and lined with the best materials. There is nothing cheap about them but the price. Sizes 34 to 40. On sale Saturday morning for $9.75

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT — SECOND FLOOR.

Table of Scotch Zephyrs at Half Price

Table of Scotch Zephyrs and Ginghams in black and white, blue and white, grey and fawn checks and plaids; 30 inches wide and thoroughly fast colors. Regular price 30c yard. On sale Saturday, per yard 15c

J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St.

GLENCOE HOTELMEN HEAVILY FINED

Strathroy, Aug. 12.—Three Glencoe hotelkeepers were charged with selling liquors after hours, before Jas. Noble, P. M., yesterday.

Mrs. Algie, proprietress of the McKellar House, pleaded guilty, and was fined $50 and costs.

James McAlpine, proprietor of the American, was fined $50 and costs.

Mr. J. McAlpine, proprietor of the McAlpine House, entered a defence, but was found guilty and fined $100 and costs.

FLEMING'S BACK UP

Fight Seems Inevitable Between the T. S. R. and the Men.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—Judge Barron, the chairman of the board of conciliation in the street railwaymen's grievances, is trying hard to get the men and the company to agree, but he is not hopeful of the result. General Manager Fleming has his back up and a fight seems inevitable.

A ST. THOMAS CONCERN OUT OF BUSINESS

Bank Petition Winds Up the A. E. Thomas Company.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—The Ontario Bank this morning secured an order winding up the Port Hope Brewing and Malting Company. The bank holds first mortgage bonds to the extent of $43,000. The assets of the company are said to be $71,000. The stock subscribed is $80,300. E. R. C. Clarkson is appointed interim liquidator, and a reference is directed to the master in ordinary.

The A. E. Thomas Company, of St. Thomas, wholesale woodenware, was wound up today on the petition of the Standard Bank, a judgment creditor.

The Coleman Development Company was wound up on the order of Mr. Justice Middleton on the application of the Temiskaming Mining Company, creditor, for $3,800 for air power supplied.

INNOCENT BUT HELD

Toronto Police Detained Man Two Weeks, Although Innocent.

Toronto, Aug. 12.—Two weeks ago George Wright was arrested, charged with stealing a pocketbook and some money from A. J. Gillies. Wright denied the charge at the time, but was remanded twice for trial. Yesterday a witness put in the box to identify him declared that Wright was not the man who committed the theft. Colonel Denison expressed his regret at Wright's detention and allowed him to go.

Go to Detroit with the Chosen Friends' on Saturday. Special fast train leaves Grand Trunk depot 7:30 a. m. sharp. Tickets $1.45, good for three days. 55u

R&C

Saturday the Big Day in This Final Clearance Sale Of Wash Suits and Dresses

Saturday is the last day of this Final Clearance Sale—the last day that you can buy such high quality garments at next to nothing prices. For ten days now we have given you the opportunity of supplying all your summer needs at a price that is hardly worth mentioning.

Your Choice of Any Wash Suit or Tub Dress for $2.50

WASH SUITS of extra quality, formerly priced as not less than $5.00, many as high as $15; now only $2.50

WASH DRESSES—The balance of our summer stock, together with some late arrivals of foulards and muslin. If your size is here, yours tomorrow for..... $2.50

LINGERIE DRESSES—In soft, fine quality mull, in white, tan, sky and pink. Nearly all sizes. Yours..... $2.50

Open Evenings Raphael & Co. 236 Dundas St.

SENT BY CREWE.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—H. W. Just, C. B., C. M. G., a leading official of the colonial office in London, will be present at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto in a semi-official capacity. Mr. Just has been sent to Canada by Lord Crewe to make a study of conditions here with the object of bringing the colonial office more into touch with Canadian conditions and the leading men of Canada. Mr. Mowatt, of Kingston, will help in this. Mr. R. S. Riggs, his majesty's trade commissioner to Canada, may also be present.

C. M. B. A. CONVENTION.

Ottawa, Aug. 11.—Discussion on the reports of the grand secretary and auditors was resumed this morning at the C. M. B. A. convention. These being finally passed the grand president and trustees' report was taken up and consumed the remainder of the session. Greater attention will be paid to organization work by the association in the coming year as a result of recommendations in the trustee board's report, especially in the western provinces.