

Laurier Opens Campaign in a Stirring Speech at Simcoe

TEN THOUSAND TO HEAR CHIEFTAIN'S STRONG ADDRESS DEFENDS PACT, SCORES BORDEN

Farmers of Five Counties Gather to Hear the Liberal Leader Champion Their Cause—Veteran in Good Health and Capital Form.

GRAND WELCOME BY HISTORIC NORFOLK POINTS TO VICTORY ON SEPTEMBER 21

Premier in Masterful Manner Shows the Benefits of the Trade Agreement With the United States and Disposes of the Pogy of Annexation.

[By Our Own Man.]

Simcoe, Aug. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier opened the great reciprocity campaign here today, and if the sentiment of the south-eastern counties in the Western Peninsula is any criterion, the Laurier Administration will again be returned by a great majority.

There was an immense audience to hear the Liberal chieftain. Conservative estimates place the throng at 10,000, and it can readily be imagined that there were that number, judging from the sea of faces that greeted the Premier.

It compared most favorably with the magnificent opening day in the now famous 1908 tour of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It will be remembered that he then opened at Niagara Falls. The selection of Simcoe as the spot where the first gun in the greatest campaign ever waged in Canada was to be fired, was in keeping with the sound judgment of the Liberal leaders.

A PICTURESQUE SETTING.

The park where the meeting was held is a most picturesque place. The tiny river Lynn flows at the rear, and the platform was located in the midst of many fine trees. A natural amphitheatre made it easy to seat the multitude, and added much to the appearance of the scene.

HISTORIC NORFOLK.

The riding, Norfolk County, is a historic riding so far as reciprocity is concerned. The late John Charlton, for 32 years member for this riding, spent the greater part of his life fighting for reciprocity in natural products. It was fitting then that the Liberal party, the party committed to this pact, should acknowledge its debt to John Charlton and the constituency he represented by bestowing upon it the honor of hearing the first utterance on this subject of the campaign.

A FARMER-AUDIENCE.

The gathering was largely a farmer-audience. They came for miles around—from the counties of Norfolk, Brant, Oxford, Elgin, Haldimand, and other neighboring counties. Excursions were run on all lines leading into the place, and all of them were well patronized. It was a great picnic day for many, whole families coming to hear Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is waging, in all probability, his last and greatest campaign.

Simcoe entered into the spirit of the thing with enthusiasm. The town was splendidly decorated. Not only were there street decorations, but the citizens generally flew bunting, making it a gala day indeed.

A TRIUMPH FOR LAURIER.

It was a signal triumph for the great Liberal chieftain, who was in rare form. He did not display any verbal pyrotechnics, but gave a logical account of the history of the reciprocity movement, and why the pact had been agreed to between President Taft and the leaders of the Liberal party. It was a strong, convincing argument, and it carried its message straight to every hearer. Every mention of reciprocity was greeted with cheers and applause, and not one of the many telling arguments advanced failed to find a response.

A SPECIAL OVATION.

An illustration of the effect of the speech was well expressed by a man in the audience.

Sir Wilfrid had been talking some time, and his every sentence practically had been received with applause. This did not suit the man from Norfolk. Jumping up from his seat, he shouted: "Boys, I can stand it no longer—three cheers for Sir Wilfrid Laurier!" The response to this challenge was a tremendous tribute to the Liberal leader, and for some minutes the gathering stood up and cheered.

The enthusiasm of the Premier was most noticeable. He is no longer a young man, being nearly three score years and ten. He has been over forty years in the forefront of all the political battles of two-score years, and many expected to see signs of the wear and tear of public life. There were none visible. He was as alert as ever, and his enthusiasm was unbounded.

Quotes Macdonald.

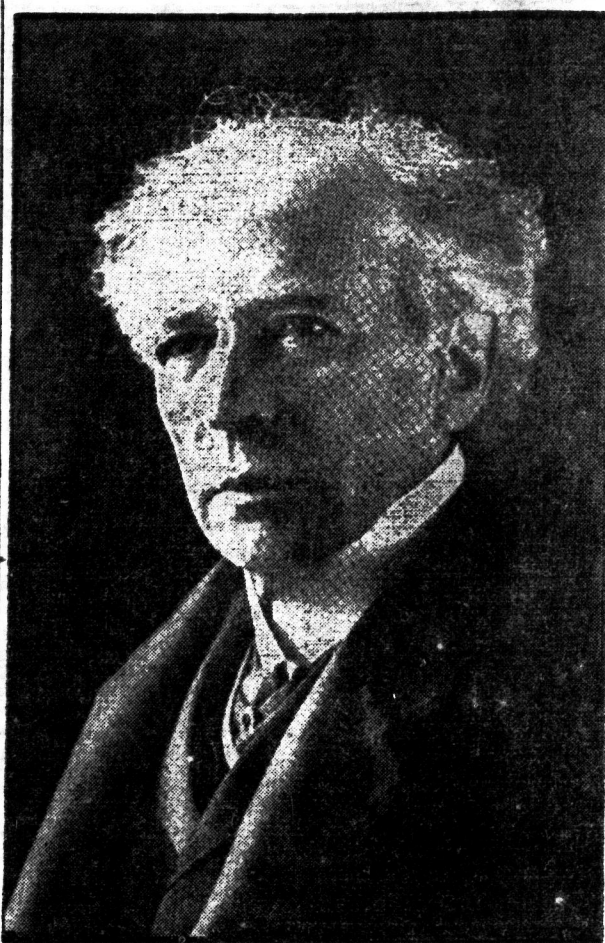
Particularly apt was his allusion to the position of Sir John A. Macdonald on reciprocity. "He was the Moses of reciprocity," declared Sir Wilfrid. "He was not given the privilege of crossing into the Promised Land, and it now seems that I am to be the Joshua who will lead the people of this Dominion into the Promised Land of Reciprocity."

This statement, smacking of Old Testament history had an application that the audience did not fail to see, and it was greeted with great cheers.

Arraigns Borden.

Most scathing was his arraignment

The Premier of Canada



Sir Wilfrid Laurier

TELLING PARAGRAPHS OF THE PREMIER

If I were privileged to address an American audience on the other side of the lake as I am speaking here today, I would tell them we want to trade with you, but if the price we are to pay for it is the sacrifice of our manhood, keep your trade—we will have none of it.

If at any time it suits the British people to change their fiscal policy, and they decide to give us a preference, we are ready to give them one, and I say more, that the present arrangement is no interference with it, is not fatal against it.

Who wants annexation? If Mr. Borden will answer for the Tories, I will answer for the Grits.

The advantages of reciprocity are so obvious that they need no reiteration. But the more thoroughly they are discussed the clearer they appear.

This agreement constitutes a bond of peace and harmony and of friendship between the two nations.

But, fellow countrymen, the leaders of the Conservative party today have proved renegades to the teaching of their leaders for 40 years, they have turned their backs on the principles for which their great men of the past have stood.

If the farmers are to be benefited, all sections of the community will be benefited, because agriculture is the foundation of Canada's prosperity.

This talk of annexation is beneath the contempt and beneath the attention of serious people.

I say to you that it would have been a crime not to have listened to the advances of our neighbors, not to have accepted the opportunity of wider reciprocal trade with them.

Sir John A. Macdonald was the Moses of Reciprocity, but like Moses, he was not destined to see the Promised Land. It may be my privilege to be the Joshua of the people, to see this great policy carried out.

Reciprocity will not only be a powerful factor in the material prosperity of our country, but it is an advance towards that higher civilization which recent events have shown to be within the range of practical politics.

I harbor in my heart the belief that the arbitration treaty may be supplemented in a way which will endeavor to undo the mischief which was done in the eighteenth century by the violent separation of mother and children.

WIFE MADE A PICTURE OF HER HUSBY'S FACE

Man Appeared in Police Court in a Lacerated Condition.

Police Magistrate Judd had a rather short session at the Carling street court this morning, a few unimportant cases appearing on the docket.

A man, who was arrested at the instigation of his wife, who found him talking to another lady and who sought the law, after administering punishment of her own, did not press the case very closely today and the prisoner was discharged. His face presented a most beautiful spectacle when he appeared before the court.

Mary and Fred Briggs, of Rectory street, who were charged by Mr. O. W. Cambridge with trespassing on his property, agreed not to offend in future and the complaint was withdrawn.

Jefferson Slaght, who has been down on remand since Aug. 9 on a vagrancy charge, was dismissed. Robert C. Bingley, Matthew Kew and Howard Casey, first-time drunks, were allowed to go.

CITY WILL ENTERTAIN

British Journalists and Post Huron Grocers Here on Same Date.

At a special meeting of the city council held at noon today, it was decided to entertain the citizens of Port Huron who will visit this city on Saturday, Aug. 26, and the British Press Association who will be in London on the same date.

The details of the entertainment were left in the hands of the reception committee, and the visitors will be given as good a time as possible.

Those present were Mayor Beattie, Ald. Donnelly, Wilson, Bennett, Morgan and Cooper.

THE LABOR CRISIS MOST ALARMING

Supplies Are Running Short at Liverpool and Manchester.

RAILWAYMEN TO GO OUT

Traffic at Sheffield Has Been Disorganized—Battle With Negroes at Cardiff.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 16.—All this morning's papers regard the labor crisis as most alarming. The Times heads a leader "Labor Agitation Gone Mad" and says: "The situation seems to be going hopelessly from bad to worse. The monstrous proposal of a general railway strike is clearly designed to force the companies to recognize the unions, and for this the trades unionists in their crazy fanaticism are prepared to starve the whole population and ruin the country and leave it defenceless to the world."

Anarchy at Liverpool.

With reference to the Liverpool riots, the Times says: "Anarchy reigns, and the so-called labor members of Parliament know nothing about the whole mad business. Indeed, the movement is said to be largely directed against them, by agitators who have been less successful in public life themselves."

After describing yesterday's rioting in Liverpool, in which two men were killed, the Times correspondent telegraphs: "For about an hour there was really desperate street fighting, the rioters fighting with wonderful courage and courage the police batons. For the remainder of the evening there were baton charges all round."

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\$500 REWARD OFFERED FOR ARKANSAS CASHIER

Sheriff Cameron Has Received Notice From Authorities in the South.

Sheriff Cameron has received a notice of a reward of \$500 being offered for the capture of J. P. Holcomb, former cashier of the Bank of Delight, of Arkansas, who is charged with embezzling the funds of the bank and departing on May 1.

The description of the person wanted, which is circulated by T. B. Rogers, sheriff of Peak County, is interesting. It follows: Age, 35; light complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, the white being unusually large, downcast look, medium build, smooth shaven, dish faced, fine, winning voice; height, 5 feet 10 inches, weight, 165 pounds. It is thought that Holcomb would engage in either banking or mining business.

N. MIDDLESEX LIBS. AGAIN NAME SMITH

Nominated By Large Convention Held at Ailsa Craig.

[By Our Own Man.] Ailsa Craig, Aug. 16.—A. W. Smith was again chosen as their standard-bearer by the Liberals of North Middlesex at an enthusiastic meeting held here this afternoon. The attendance was large and the nomination was unanimous.

RIOT IN CHURCH.

Lisbon, Aug. 16.—An attempt by Government officials to take an inventory of the church property at Licesa on Monday resulted in a riot between the parishioners and the troops during which many persons were wounded. The priest had closed the church and refused admittance to the troops. When a detachment of military forced the doors, the pastor assembled 300 persons of his congregation and resisted the soldiers. The peasants were dispersed until a large number had been injured.

The inventories in several northern districts have been temporarily suspended, and a number of priests have been placed under arrest.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine.

FORECASTS. Today—Moderate winds, mostly fair and warm, but some local showers or thunderstorms, chiefly tonight, and the most part of clear, bright, and sunny on the first part of Thursday.

TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest temperatures yesterday and the lowest this morning: Victoria 70 46 Clear
Calgary 64 28 Fair
Winnipeg 58 24 Clear
Port Arthur 76 54 Fair
Perry Sound 84 64 Fair
Toronto 84 64 Fair
Montreal 80 69 Fair
Ottawa 80 69 Cloudy
Quebec 76 54 Fair
Father Point 62 50 Cloudy
In the West: Vancouver 62 40 Cloudy
Highest and lowest temperatures Tuesday, 81-65.

LOCAL WEATHER NOTES.

Since yesterday morning heavy rains have fallen in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and a few scattered showers have occurred in Ontario and Southern Alberta. The weather is quite cool again in the Western Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Aug. 15.—Showers and thunderstorms have occurred from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces. In only a few localities has the rainfall been heavy. The weather has been fine and warm in Manitoba, with rain in the southern portion. The minimum and maximum temperatures were: Victoria 62-70, Vancouver 64-70, Edmonton 66-74, Battleford 60-70, Prince Albert 60-70, Regina 60-70, Moose Jaw 60-70, Yorkton 60-70, Winnipeg 60-70, Port Arthur 76-84, Toronto 84-64, Ottawa 80-69, Montreal 80-69, Quebec 76-54, Father Point 62-50, Cloudy.

A LARGE AUDIENCE HEARD MR. BORDEN AT THE GRAND

Conservative Leader Escorted to the Theatre by a Band—Hon. Adam Beck, Major Beattie, Hon. J. J. Foy and Others Delivered Addresses.

Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative opposition in the House of Commons, addressed an audience which filled the Grand Opera House last night. He arrived in the city at 6:10 and was met by Major Beattie and other prominent Conservatives. He spent some time at the Tecumseh House, where he was introduced to a number of workers, and at 8 o'clock was escorted to the theatre by a procession, headed by the Seventh Regiment band.

The leader was given a hearty welcome as he appeared upon the platform, which was elaborately decorated with British flags.

On the Platform. Amongst others on the platform with Mr. Borden were Hon. Adam Beck, Major Beattie, Mayor Beattie, Hon. J. J. Foy, Attorney General of Ontario; Mr. T. W. Crothers, of St. Thomas; Wm. Gray; E. T. Essery; Ald. Cooper; James Egan; Maurice Baldwin; Dr. Kingsmill; Dr. Guest, of St. Thomas; Ex-Ald. Fitzgerald; A. H. M. Graydon; Ald. Wilson; Finlay Marshall; Dr. Roome; Peter Elson, late M. P. for East Middlesex; Denis Mason and C. B. Hunt. Mr. Gray presided.

The speakers were Mr. Borden, Major Beattie, Mr. Gray, Mr. Beck, Hon. Foy and Mr. Crothers. All were well received.

Mr. Borden had nothing new to say. His chief argument was that freer trade between Canada and the United States will lead to the disloyalty of Canadians and annexation to the United States; and that it is annexation that President Taft and his followers have in mind in seeking reciprocity with the Dominion.

The Navy. On the navy question Mr. Borden said he advocated a cash contribution to Great Britain because an emergency existed, but he did not tell his audience what his future policy would be. He declared that the navy which is to be built in Canada will be of no value to either Canada or Great Britain. He charged strongly to the clause of the

naval law which reserved to the Canadian Parliament the right to say whether or not the Canadian people shall go to war, in case war is declared by the government which happens to be in power in the motherland. Mr. Borden quoted from Premier Laurier's speech on the address in 1895, to show that Sir Wilfrid himself was not at that time in favor of reciprocity, but he did not refer to the fact that Hansard relates, page 102, 1899, that Sir Charles Tupper also took part in the debate on the address, and was then in favor of reciprocity with the United States in natural products.

Mr. Gray's Address. In opening the meeting chairman William Gray said the Conservative party of Canada had honored London in opening the campaign here, and London had honored Mr. Borden by such a turnout. He missed his judgment if on September 21 the electors of the Dominion did not show Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his "pack" that they are true to British and British institutions and return Mr. R. L. Borden as Prime Minister of Canada.

Mr. Gray said the Liberal party here so far has not chosen a candidate for reasons best known to themselves. In 1904 he had the honor to contest the election in London. "I had the unanimous support of the party," said Mr. Gray, "for no one else was foolish enough to tackle the job but myself." (Laughter.)

In concluding Mr. Gray urged the electors to return Mr. Borden and defeat the reciprocity pact which spelled ruin to Canada.

Major Beattie. Major Beattie, who spoke next, discussed conditions in 1866 and said that at that time when Canada was without the railway and steamship facilities that she has today, people were afraid that Canadians would be punished for the sympathy they had shown the southerners, the weaker party in the American civil war. They

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SON WRITES FROM GOLD FIELDS TO LOCATE MOTHER IN LONDON

Mr. James McCracken Had Not Heard From His People in Ten Years and He Asked The Advertiser to Assist Him—Is a Reader of This Journal in Far North.

After fifteen years absence from London, Mr. James McCracken has written home from Fairbanks, Alaska, asking for information of his mother and relatives here.

In the mail this morning The Advertiser received a letter postmarked Alaska. It was from Mr. McCracken, renewing his subscription to The Advertiser, and inclosing a sum to cover the subscription, and also the cost of an advertisement which he desired to insert to locate his relatives.

The Advertiser soon found the people Mr. McCracken is looking for. His mother and one sister reside on the Hamilton road, just east of the city.

Mrs. McCracken has been ill for some time, her left side being paralyzed, and the letter from her son was a beam of sunshine in the darkness.

During the past week there has been a family reunion in the McCracken home, several of the children having come from Chicago, where the family resided for some time until a couple of years ago, to see their mother.

James McCracken is now doing well in the gold country. He is in the mining business, and has made money, and in his letter to The Advertiser he says that he has not written home in ten years, but that he is willing and able to help his people if they need it.

"Jim" McCracken was at one time a pupil of old St. Mary's school, then located on the corner of South and Maitland streets.

WOULDN'T REOPEN PROBE

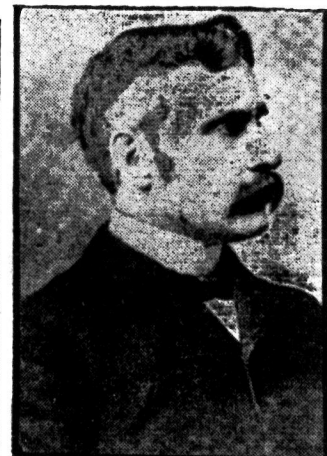
Hamilton Asylum Fire Inquiry Remains as It Stands.

Hamilton, Aug. 16.—Coroner McNichol, who conducted the inquiry into the fire at the asylum, which resulted in nine deaths, said today he could see no necessity for reopening the inquiry. However, as written charges have been made by a citizen alleging, among other things, that the patients were burned behind locked doors, he has forwarded the statement to the attorney-general's department for instructions.

A BIG DEAL

Osier Buys Toronto Property for Which He Pays \$1,250,000.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Aug. 16.—A big real estate deal was made this morning in Toronto, when the southeastern corner of King and Yonge streets, including the C. P. R. offices, Elias Rogers building and the Tyrell property, was sold to E. B. Osier. The lot has a frontage on King street of 104 feet, 1 inch, and a depth of 200 feet. The price paid was \$1,250,000. It is said that while the city was discussing the advisability of rounding this corner, the C. P. R., who were going to build a skyscraper, decided to sell their property. Mr. Osier then bought the adjoining property of Tyrells. It is the intention of putting up a building on the whole lot, which will be used by the C. P. R., who will take a long lease of it.



MR. R. L. BORDEN.

Leader of the Opposition at Ottawa

QUAKES IN PORTUGAL.

Lisbon, Aug. 16.—A series of earthquake shocks gradually increasing in violence were felt in Southern Portugal late last night. At Mertola, Alentejo, and other points near the coast considerable damage was done and some persons were injured. The people rushed from their beds to the streets. The first tremor continued for ten seconds.

At Lagos the disturbance was accompanied by a tidal wave, which caused a panic among those living near the coast.