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SIR WILPRID LAURIER

The passing of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from power is a notable event, not only in Canadian history but in Empire politics. His career for the past fifteen years has been synonymous with the development of the Dominion, In that time he has been the commanding figure in the affairs of this country and in the Imperial councils has won the first place among the representatives of the Overseas dominions. Many elements have contributed to the position which he occupied and the greatest of these was his winning personality. He has been the idol of the French-Canadians, and, if there is one thing above all others by which he will be remembered, it will be the part he played in bringing into harmony the two races which occupy this country. Through French he attained power and by the French he kept it, until owing to the increase in the English speaking population and the raising of a great national issue, fraught with danger to the loyalty of this country to the Motherland, he was swept from power.

Sir Wilfrid will have a prominent place in the history of Canada. How prominent only the perspective of time will be able to determine. That he has had the interests of his country at heart, and thought first of Canada during his long years of service there can be no gainsaying. He has been described as an Imperialist, but if he is he belongs to a school which is of his own creation, and his Imperialism hardly dovetails with that of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. With this factor in his career we have, however, at present no concern as it is our object to form the Empire. In this process of pay a tribute to Sir Wilfrid, the man, and the statesman, who guided the destinies of this country through a decade and a half during which many things of considerable moment were accom-

minister he was above suspicion. He has ever been actuated in all his actions dound to the credit of his beloved country. Whatever measure of national imhis followers. His title of the silver tongued orator was richly earned. Indefatigable in whatever cause he espoused he brought the whole force of his intellect to bear upon the issue of the moment and his brilliant periods and striking phraseology have oftentimes carried weight where logical arguments have failed. His winning personality is a thing which few can resist He is indeed "suaviter in modo, fortiter in re." Whenever he comes to be meas ured up in the annals of his country he will be remembered as a diplomatist, a courtier, a statesman and a patriot, and as a man against whom no finger of scorn has ever been pointed. He has served his country to the best of his great abilities and it is a matter of congratulation that his period of service is not yet ended.

We wish Sir Wilfrid long life and happiness. Although at an age when many public men are only too anxious to in opposition. That he will do so with conspicuous ability is very certain, and we hope that it will be many years before the heavy hand of time deprives Canada of his intellect.

MR. R. L. BORDEN.

Mr. R. L. Borden has come into power on the wave of a great outburst of patriotic feeling. His was not a party triumph, for both Liberals and Conservatives contributed to his success. From this it can be assured that the policy which he will evolve will be along the broadest national lines. In the struggle from which he emerged victorious a great principle was involved and that principle he can be depended upon to safeguard. Canada has chosen decisively to develop along national and interimperial lines, and she has placed in power a man who can be thoroughly relied upon to lend all his great gifts towards the carrying out of this destiny. For even his political opponents are a unit in acknowledging that Mr. Borden is a safe man. During fifteen years he has sat in the shade of opposition, for the last ten of these as the leader of his party. He has earned the confidence and esteem of people of all shades of opinion from one end of Canada to the other, and if he lacks the spectacular gifts of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, these are more than counterbalanced by his clear sighted vision, his strong determination,

breadth of his outlook. We know Mr. Borden is a hard work- time in the history of a province

er, a conscientious fighter, and a solid speaker. We know him to be possessed of high intellectual acquirements and we believe that he will be found to have great administrative ability. One thing s certain. When the personnel of his abinet is announced it will be found to contain the names of men in whom Canidians can repose the utmost confidence, Mr. Borden can be relied upon to give his country a clean administration, and on all occasions his opponents, as well as the country at large, will be given British fair play. His determination at the very outset of his career in power to show no political discrimination in the distribution of cabinet appointments augurs well for his regime. It has been announced that he has decided to give to the West three, or even four, portfolios. This is an earnest of what this portion of the Dominion can expect under the new government. It is a prognostication of what British Columbia can hope for in the case of Better Terms.

The new prime minister's political record is an enviable one. During each succeeding year he has grown in strength, and he was seen at his best during the recent campaign. On Westerners he created a splendid impression while on his speech-making tour last summer. The manner in which he answered the the different deputations of grain growers who interviewed him in respect to their grievances shows him to be a man of striking determination and absolute integrity, who has no intention of veiling his real purposes even at the call of political expediency. Canada, when at "the parting of the

ways," chose the right course to follow. She has also chosen the right man to lead in this hour of national triumph. Her future is secure and in the working out of her great destiny we believe that historians will assign an honored place to the name of Robert Laird Borden. The era through which we are passing is one marked with great national obligations. It is not improbable that within the power of the new government will rest the making of the place which Canada will eventually hold among the coterie of nations which evolution the leader of the government of the day must play a signal part. He must be ever on the alert to guard most zealously those indefeasible rights which essentially form the palladium of British greatness the world over. For Both as a parliamentarian and a prime the maintenance of those traditions which have made the Empire what it is, we believe that Canada has chosen by motives which he believed would re- a wise guardian in her new Prime Minister. He can be trusted to build up this country not only in a manner portance he fathered gained immensely which will make her national potential through his earnest advocacy and the ities the envy of the rest of the world, inspiring belief which he instilled into but, through the wisdom of experience, in a way which will make for the highest type of citizenship, which, after all, is the truest criterion of a nation's

ELECTRICAL POWER

greatness.

The announcement that the B. C. Electric Railway company will within the next few days be delivering a new unit of power to the city is an exeedingly gratifying one and we believe on the industrial development of Victoria. Not only will it mean the building of new car lines to meet the growing requirements of the outlying sections, but it will also mean that enterprises in the city will be more adequately equipped and that new ones will be showing its faith in the city in a marked manner. A second unit of power be ready for delivery by next spring. Work on the Saanich extension is being advanced rapidly and there seems every reason to hope that by next summer this suburban road, which will run through such a rich territory, will be ready. New tramlines in different parts of the city are being considered and announcements are expected within a short time. The company is using every effort to keep pace with the growing needs of an increasing popula tion, and is investing its money wisely because it will be among the most important beneficiaries in the future prosperity of Victoria.

RED PINE

The opinion has been expressed that what is called the Red or Norway pine would be a wood of very great value for the reforestation of the burned or logged-off areas in the interior. It is used very largely for this purpose in Scandinavian and it would probably do better here where the soil has a greater fertility and the seasons are just as fav-

This pine grows in New Brunswick on ocks on which there is little soil. The Red pine is there found in clusters, that is if any of it is left. The trees are tall, straight and very free from limbs The foliage being all at the top. The quality of the wood is good and the growth is fairly rapid. Fine logs would be produced in periods varying from 35 to 50 years, and this is a very brief

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.-A scatharraignment of the government's aska coal land policy was made today in briefs filed in the supreme court of the United States in behalf of Charles F. Mundy and Archie W. Shields, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government out of Alaskan coal lands, valued at about \$10,000,000. The case involves the so-called "Stracey claims." The ern Washington quashed the indictments on the technical ground that the laws applicable to Alaska did not limit the quantity of land a person or association might enter, as set forth

In the Shields brief, it is contended that congress in 1894 enacted a law out limitations that locators or their assigns should receive patents ted the national honor and integrity of the government of the United States to make goods its promise to convey to those, or to other assigns, when it had invited men to go out up mines in the great glacial mountainous wilderness of Alaska."

It recites how the acting director of the bureau of the United States geological survey in 1908 recommend ed that Alaskan coal lands be with drawn from entry and how the president ordered that done.

"This court is now asked to decide," the brief reads, "whether the will of congress shall prevail in the matter of the disposition of the public domain be stifled by the geological survey any other power. That is really the crux of the controversy involved the suit at bar-whether the laws of congress are to be observed, or Alaska is to be governed by the rules

It is contended that the claim was paid for, explored and developed in good faith, and that to forfeit the ourchase money and brand the entrymen as criminals would be a repudiation of the nation's honor and a great public wrong.

Railway Porter Sentenced MONTREAL, Oct. 5 .- This morning Judge Leet sentenced Willis P. Gamble, a Canadian Pacific railway porter, to two years in the penitentiary on a charge of stealing a quantity of diamonds from passengers on the train on

which he was engaged. Gamble's run was from Montreal to the coast.

MR. F. W. PETERS Appointed General Executive Agent of

WINNIPEG. Oct. 6.-Frank W. Peters assistant to the vice-president on western ines of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was today appointed by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy as general executive agent of the company with headquarters at Winnipeg. Mr. Peters will be actively engaged in connection with the affairs of the company from Port Arthur to the Pacific coast, dealing with the larger problems of administration.

Canadian Pacific, With Head-

quarters at Winnipeg

UNITED WIRELESS

Assets of Company in State of Washington Found to Amount to About \$150,00

SEATTLE, Oct. 5.-The visible assets in the state of Washington of the United Wireless Telegraph Company are estimated at between \$150,000 and \$160,000 by A. H. Hodgson, receiver appointed by the state courts. This sum is exclusive of personal property of George H. Parker, former fiscal agent for the company on the Pacific coast and now serving a term in the federal prison on McNeil's Island for using the mails to defraud. Mr. Parker's property in Seattle, which is valued at \$300,000, is tied up by a suit brought by the receivers for the wire-

ess company. Mr. Hodgson is preparing to turn over all the papers of his receivership o Selden Bacon of New York, appointed trustee in bankruptcy by the federal court at Portland, Maine. Mr. Bacon is in Seattle to take charge of the property, and a petition asking for the transfer of the receivership to the federal trustee will probably be filed

Mr. Hodgson said that the assets of the United Wireless Telcgraph Company in this state consist of 70 wireless outfits aboard vessels owned in Washington or operated from Washington ports, a manufacturing plant in Seattle valued at \$23,000 and machinery and supplies worth approxi-

tomorrow.

OTTAWA TRAGEDY

Body of J. F. Prazier, Formerly Commissioner of Lights, Found in Park with Wound in Head

OTTAWA, Oct. 5.-The body of J. F. Frazier, formerly commissioner of lights in the marine department, and who lost his position as the result of the inquiry into the department, was found this afternoon in Rockcliffe park. The dead man was lying on his back and over his right eye was a wound as if he had been struck by a rock. He had evidently been lying in that position for at least two days. From his position it would have been almost impossible for him to have fallen and sustained the wound in that manner. He must either have taken his own life or been the victim of an assault.

A curious circumstance in connection with the tragedy is that the chief of police received an anonymous note describing where the body of a man would found. He did not take any action but reporter did with the result that the body was found in the spot described in the letter. Frazier had been missing since Monday.

The body of Charles Lavinge, a stone to ear, was also found in Rockcliffe. Mrs. Reno-Freed (to small daughter) -My darling, I want to tell you a secret. Your mother is going to be married

again next week. Daughter-Oh, mamma! And after all the trouble we had with papa!-Boston Transcript.

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Fall Housecleaning



Many level-headed housekeepers now do their house-cleaning and refurnishing at this season of the year, recognizing the fact that we live more indoors during the FALL and WINTER MONTHS. To brighten your surroundings, gladden the eye and make sunshine in shady places and add to your comfort is our business, and our second floor is now replete with beautiful articles and fabrics that make it easy for us to carry out your schemes at prices which will make it easy for

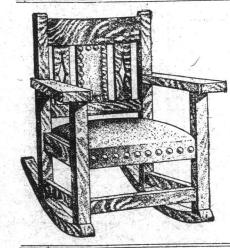
We are constantly in receipt of new goods, and have just put on sale a new line of-Cable Lace Curtain Nets from, per yard, \$1.50

Fireplace Furniture

The season of cheerful fires and cosy firesides is now here. In order to enjoy all the comforts of the "Home Fire" it is of course necessary to have correct Fireside furnishings. OUR STOCK IS UNEQUALLED.

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