ON THE FIRING LINE

Pulsebeats of the Warriors Shown by Tongue and Pen From Ocean to Ocean in Canada's Greatest Conflict.

"Ma, please may I have some more butter on my toast?" The boy was late for breakfast and his father had gone to his work. "No, my son," replied the mother, "don't forget that that great man Premier McBride says 'butter is a luxury on our tables.' Poor people can't afford much luxury." Thoughtful Willie studied a moment, then cheerfully broke out again, "But it will be cheaper when they take the duty off, won't it?" The mother (thinking of Premier McBride's speech at the picnic), "Well, you don't expect it will get any cheaper if Mr. McBride raises the duty still higher, do you?" Willie went to the foot of his class that day trying to figure out why Premier McBride should want to "raise the duties still higher."

LAURIER AND THE ISSUE.
(Montreal Herald.)

The Liberal chieftain makes as powerful an appeal as ever to the imagination of the multitude, and certainly those who saw and heard him yesterday at Simcoe must have felt well repaid for the trouble it cost them to be present. Never, surely, did man on the stroke of seventy step forth so young, so debonair, so full of mirth, so graceful, and yet at the same time so positive, so assertive, so sure of himself, as did this veteran whose locks have been whitened but whose eye has not been dimmed by forty years of political battle. Reciprocity is the issue, yes. But the fact that it is Laurier who has made it the issue, and who has shaped it for presentation as an issue, is already seen to be counting as a mighty influence in favor of the argument.

LOGICAL CONCLUSION.
(Senator Gore of Oklahoma.)

"The right to sell what we don't need and the right to buy what we do need seems to be fraught with greater calamity than all the plagues that afflicted the Egyptians of old," he said with telling irony, referring to some of the objections raised to reciprocity. "The man who could tax the crust upon the hungry lip would, had he lived in the older times, have taxed the manna that fell from heaven. So long as Canadian wheat will feed the hungry, so long as Canadian lumber will shelter the homeless why should we refuse to accept the blessings placed at our door by Him who fashioned the universe himself."

FACING THE FACTS.
(Fredericton Daily Mail.)

The lessons of this painful and disheartening tale are so perfectly simple and obvious that he who runs may read. No one who loves this good old province of New Brunswick and cares for its future should fail to take them to heart and put them to practice at the polls when the reciprocity question comes to be decided. We have long been deprived of our natural market and have suffered greatly in consequence. The boon of reciprocal trade with the United States, which the greatest statesmen of both political parties have nearly fifty years put forth every effort to obtain, is now within our grasp. Shall we take advantage of this golden opportunity and open the doors to prosperity, or shall we reject it and continue a policy which has arrested the development of our resources and caused our population to decline?

FACT-SIMILE.
Winnipeg Tribune.

It is more difficult for a paralyzed man to pick up a flea with a pair of boxing gloves on, than for a working man to vote against reciprocity.

ELECTION PREDICTIONS

Dispatches predicting a victory for Mr. Borden in the East are already appearing in the anti-reciprocity organ in Victoria. These unfounded reports will increase and multiply as the day of election approaches. They all emanate from the same source, the headquarters of "the interests" in Montreal. They are not new from an electioneering point of view. A review of the columns of our contemporary proves that the Conservatives professed to be just as confident in the year 1908, and everyone in Victoria remembers, or ought to remember, the result of that contest. It is not necessary to be a prophet in order to predict a victory for the Liberal government on the 21st of September. All independent authorities agree that Laurier will have a larger majority in the new parliament than he had in the old. Ontario, the banner province of the Dominion, has always voted in favor of reciprocity when reciprocity was an issue in Dominion elections. Sir Wilfrid, for the first time in his career as leader, will attain his oft-expressed ambition, a majority of the representatives from Ontario behind him in Parliament. No one attempts seriously to dispute the fact that the government, already strong in the Maritime Provinces, will increase its strength as a result of the voting on the 21st of September. Then reciprocity is so popular in the prairie provinces that Conservative candidates are declaring that they will vote for its ratification if elected. The Times asks its readers to make a note of what is stated here and compare it with the published results on the 22nd of September.

INCENDIARY AT WORK AT NELSON

BUILDINGS ON CHINESE RANCH DESTROYED

City Aroused by Recent Fires—Outbreaks Six Nights in Succession

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 22.—For the first time since he commenced work here, the firebug succeeded last night in starting a fire at a Chinese ranch in Fairview, which destroyed in a few minutes some thousand dollars worth of property. Several Chinamen escaped, thanks to the efforts of Alderman George Ferguson and Captain F. L. Orr, who gave the alarm, and also released two horses from the stable which was already on fire when the outbreak was discovered.

The Chinamen's ranch, upon which a number of buildings were totally destroyed, is located a few wards east of the Fairview brickyards and beyond the last water hydrant, and consequently beyond the reach of the Nelson fire brigade, which turned out, but finding that its efforts would be useless, returned to the station in order to be in readiness in case of another outbreak in a different part of the city.

The fire had been started in two places. A bale of hay had been taken from a hay barn, opened and lighted in front of the stable door, behind which were the two horses, while the second blaze was started in the barn itself. It was found that the door of the stable had been secured by several pieces of wire. The rescuers tore off the wire after giving the alarm to a number of Chinamen who were asleep in the two-storey residence near the barn and stable. Then they released the horses which were almost crazy with fright, caused by the flames which were spreading about them.

All the city is aroused by these outbreaks of fire which have now occurred for six nights in succession and which are always about midnight. At every alarm many hundreds of men, women and children turn out and fears of further spread of incendiarism are very generally felt. That no serious results have yet followed the work of the firebug is due to luck and to the fact that the outbreaks have occurred near where the police have been on watch.

KENTUCKY HORSES TO BE EXHIBITED

V. I. D. League's Display—May Establish Record for Number of Entries in Fair

One of the many attractions for horse breeders at the annual fair next month will be an exhibit of Kentucky-bred horses, a variety of horseflesh entirely unknown in this part of British Columbia. They are being entered by Charles Doering, of Ashcroft.

The Vancouver Island Development League's display will be of interest to all, but to visitors from the mainland in particular. A cross section of native fir, eight to ten feet in diameter, and a huge lump of Island coal will be among the exhibits.

Last evening the advance guard of the bronchoes, which will constitute the principals in what will probably be one of the most entertaining features at the fair—the broncho busting competition—arrived from Kamloops. Another carload is on the way from Chilliwack.

Mr. Parker, manager of the Parker Carnival Company, which ranks among the largest of America's shows, is coming over from Vancouver this afternoon and will discuss terms with the agricultural association for the staging of part, if not all, of his 21 shows. Mr. Parker's company will perform in Vancouver during the fair there.

Discussing prospects for the exhibition this year Secretary George Sangster states that to date over 500 entries in all departments have been received and that he expects as many more before the fair opens. If his expectations are fulfilled a record for Victoria's annual fair will be established. The entry list for the poultry show is particularly large.

The association has decided to extend the time for the posting of entries in fruit to September 1, owing to the late fruit season and the early show.

WHARFINGER DROWNED.

Falls From Wharf and Sinks in Sight of Two Hundred People.

Bremerton, Wash., Aug. 23.—In sight of about 200 persons on the steamer Kennedy and the wharf yesterday, Charles Boyle, assistant wharfinger at the Bremerton wharf, was drowned. He was about 23 years old. His body was recovered last night near where he went down.

Boyle was carrying two suitcases from the wharf to the Kennedy when he lost his balance and fell into the water, his head striking the vessel's guard. Evidently stunned by the blow, he gave no attention to several lines thrown from the steamer's deck. Witnesses believed he was swimming after the two suitcases. Pulled by a strong tide, Boyle drifted toward the entrance of Port Washington Narrows. G. Benjamin Poindexter, a real estate dealer, jumped into the water with a line in an attempt at rescue. The weight of the line retarded his progress and Boyle sank from sight when Poindexter was about 15 feet distant. A launch almost reached the drowning man, but was too late to render assistance.

"TAKE BACK YOUR GOLD" —Montreal Herald.

TERMINOLOGICAL INEXACTITUDES

G. H. Barnard Says He "Said So but Did Not Believe It."

At the conclusion of a short speech made Tuesday at a meeting held at the Conservative rooms in the Hibben block, G. H. Barnard stated he was sure that the Liberal government were "going to be downed." Mr. Barnard said that last election he did not believe that would be the case, although he then said so. He was now, however, convinced that the downfall of the government was at hand. Previous to these remarks the candidate spoke on reciprocity.

John Dean also addressed the meeting on reciprocity. In regard to wheat exported from Canada to the United States, for which he said there was no market, he held that since 1905 it was subject only to duty of one-quarter of a cent, and not to twenty-five cents a bushel, as was generally supposed, as twenty-four and three-quarters of a cent was a drawback taken off by order of the treasury.

Messrs. Fielding and Paterson, he said, were not competent to draw up the negotiations if they were ignorant of this matter, while if they knew of it they should have given the information to the people. He thought it likely this move might have been duplicated in regard to other products. The whole reason of the desire on the part of the United States for reciprocity was that they wanted the pulp wood, and it was undoubtedly their intention, after getting control of other things, to get control of the manufacturing of the Dominion. They were trying to rob Canada of her heritage.

In regard to the fruit industry of the province, and to the matter of cheaper food, he suggested that anyone who was desirous of getting the cheaper articles which could be obtained in the United States could easily go there for $3, and stay there. In reference to taxation, he said that although tariff might be odious, they were the most honest way of raising money equitably, as they hit everyone. They ought to keep up the tariffs, and increase them on any particular articles if found necessary.

In connection with the remarks made by J. S. Cowper, on the previous evening, that he preferred the loyalty of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to that of Mr. McBride, the speaker stated that, in regard to timber, the provincial government had reserved the power to have raw material manufactured in the province, and to increase the stumpage tax. He considered that the people who did not believe in the tariff should be willing to pay their share of it rather than alter present conditions.

W. E. Blakemore also addressed the meeting.

VALUABLE PICTURE DISAPPEARS.

Paris, Aug. 23.—Louis Lepine, the prefect of police, frankly admits complete mystification in regard to the disappearance from the Louvre of Leonardo Davinci's most famous work, known generally as "Mona Lisa," but popularly called by the French "La Joconde."

Up to this afternoon not a trace of the picture nor the thief had been found. It is generally conceded that even a dull person would have perceived the impossibility of selling a work so well known and accordingly psychological explanations of the strange case are sought.

REFUSED HEARING BY H. S. CLEMENTS

INVITED LIBERAL, BUT THEN CHANGED HIS MIND

Speaker Who Journeyed From Victoria to Alberni by Invition Cannot Speak

Port Alberni, Aug. 23.—What Liberals here look on as an amusing incident, occurred last night, and they are asking to-day, whether the Tory candidate was trying a bluff or is in a blue funk.

H. C. Clements, late of Prince Rupert, the Conservative candidate in Comox-Atlin, having expressed a desire to meet a Liberal speaker on the platform, arrangements were made to send J. S. Cowper, editor of the Prince Rupert Daily News, to meet Mr. Clements at Port Alberni last night. Mr. Cowper cancelled a meeting at Victoria in order to attend.

On reaching Alberni Mr. Cowper was refused permission to speak at Mr. Clements' meeting, Clements saying he was not prepared to discuss reciprocity with Cowper.

Clements' change of heart caused great amusement among local Liberals, who heard a short address from Cowper after Clements' meeting was over. The prospects in this district for the return of Duncan Ross, the Liberal nominee, could not be brighter.

ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN WELSH TOWN

Hoodlums Take Advantage of Absence of Police—Trouble Probably Over

Newport, Monmouthshire, Eng., Aug. 23.—The anti-Jewish rioting at Tredgar and adjacent towns have almost entirely been the work of hoodlums, who have obtained a strong foothold in those places because the forces of police stationed there are small. The Jews who suffered attacks were among the most respected of the townspeople and they indignantly deny the charges of demanding high rents and so far as can be ascertained the complaints against them of exacting exhorbitant prices are unfounded.

Trouble Will Soon End.

London, Aug. 23.—In the opinion of Jewish residents here, the riots at Tredgar and other Welsh mining towns were indirectly, if not directly, due to the strike ferment and that once the labor troubles have vanished, the present anti-Jewish feeling will die a natural death. Those who hold this opinion are none the less anxious because there are 100,000 Jewish residents in London and many thousands in various parts of the kingdom, and the Jews heretofore have regarded themselves as safe from persecution in Great Britain.

FOUR INJURED.

Brampton, Ont., Aug. 23.—Plunging through a fence and over a steep embankment an auto, in which were five Brampton men, was wrecked and four of the occupants seriously injured.

INVESTIGATING MINERAL RESOURCES

Representatives of Big British Corporation Now on the Coast

Vancouver, Aug. 23. — Preliminary investigations of the mineral resources of the Dominion now being made may result in the investment of millions of pounds in Canadian mines by the Central Mining and Investment Corporation, Ltd., of London, England, a world-famous organization, owning the principal gold mines on the Rand as well as Diamond mines in South Africa.

Louis Ryersbach, a director, accompanied by Hugh F. Mariott, an eminent mining engineer in the service of the corporation, and G. G. S. Lindsey, third vice-president of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Toronto, reached Vancouver on Monday. The Central Mining and Investment Corporation is the successor of Wernher, Beit & Co., and H. Eckstein of London and Johannesburg. Its wealth is enormous owing to its vast holdings including the principal gold mines on the Rand. Its gold output apart from its diamond mine interests, represents one-fifth of the world's annual gold production. Mr. Ryersbach is the directing hand of its financial affairs in London, and is now visiting Canada for the first time. Mr. Marriott has a world-wide reputation as an engineer. He occupies the position of chief consulting engineer to that corporation and was in the service of its predecessors on the Rand for over fifteen years.

Mr. Ryersbach, also did not disguise his favorable impression of the Dominion and the Canadian people, made it quite clear that he was not looking for mining prospects. He wants big propositions, no matter what the cost provided they pass the examinations of his engineer.

Mr. Marriott and Mr. Lindsey have gone north and will visit the new silver-lead camps in the vicinity of Hazelton before proceeding to the Portland Canal district.

Mr. Marriott is no stranger here. He accompanied the British mining institute when it crossed the continent three years ago. Members were tendered a public banquet at the Hotel Vancouver.

"I am out here on a little prospecting tour, a preliminary sort of inspection of the country so to speak. My impressions are of the most favorable character. Whether our corporations invest or not depends upon the advise of our chief engineer, Mr. Marriott. We move very slowly," said Mr. Ryersbach.

TWO LEAP FROM TRAIN.

Port Arthur, Ont., Aug. 22.—Jumping from the blind baggage of a train, on which they were stealing a ride, in order to avoid arrest on arrival at Port Arthur, may prove fatal to Andrew Sinclair and A. Kendrick, who were found on the track on the outskirts of the city yesterday. Sinclair's skull was crushed and doctors declare him dying. Kendrick also was badly injured, but may recover. Both had been employed by W. C. Woodside at Pearl River as laborers.

VISITING COAST.

Vancouver, Aug. 23.—R. W. Brock, of Ottawa, director of the Dominion geological survey, is enjoying a holiday in the West. He left Monday for the North. He will take a run up the Skeena river to have a look at the new silver-lead camps in the vicinity of Hazelton before going to Portland Canal district, which he visited several years ago. Members of Mr. Brock's staff of geologists are now making reports on those districts.

SIR WILFRID SPEAKS ON THE NAVAL LAW

Replies to Attack of Henri Bourassa—How Canada Will Benefit by Reciprocity—Hon. R. Lemieux Flays the Nationalists.

St. Eustache, Que., Aug. 23.—In the shade of a church, bullet-scarred by the English in the rebellion of 1867, Sir Wilfrid Laurier held one of the best meetings of his Quebec campaign yesterday afternoon.

Sir Wilfrid spoke with a fire and vigor astonishing many old men who had heard him during his last appearance in the district in 1896. Reciprocity was but lightly touched upon, but Sir Wilfrid took occasion to dissect the naval law, obviously to offset the vigorous campaign waged by Mr. Bourassa in this district against this plank of the Liberal platform. The premier replied to the attacks of Mr. Bristol of Toronto Centre.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux was in fine fighting form and attacked the Nationalists without mercy.

There were about 30,000 at the meeting. The preparations were elaborate, the town being decorated and Sir Wilfrid was met by twenty-five youths and a band.

Sir Wilfrid remarked that it was his second appearance before the electorate of St. Eustache, the first occasion having been in 1896. He pointed out that when the Liberal government had replaced the Conservative administration ruin had not overwhelmed the manufacturers as the prophets of the day had promised. The most partizan of the Conservatives must admit that the country had never enjoyed such prosperity as to-day. He quoted statistics on natural products showing what Canada would save by the removal of tariff duties. Reciprocity had not been received unanimously on either side of the line. The United States farmers had objected to it on the ground that it benefited only the Canadian farmer, and President Taft had replied that it also benefited the American consumer.

"I now come to my ex-friend Mr. Bourassa." (Laughter). "He was a friend of mine once and some day will tell you how he ceased to be my friend. His object is to overthrow Laurier; but he is not alone. Mr. Borden says the same thing in Ontario—and Mr. Monk and Mr. Sifton. Mr. Monk is the shadow of Mr. Bourassa. He bears a trumpet on the floor of the House which Bourassa sounds. Mr. Sifton has separated from me on the reciprocity issue. He has said nothing except to disagree with me on that point. But when I see linked the names of Sifton and Bourassa I feel my revenge. If Bourassa does not like me, he detests Sifton more. But these two exchange the kiss of peace and cry, 'Overthrow Laurier.'"

GRAY NOW NAME OF C. N. P. F. CO.'S BOAT

Arrives From Naden and Rose Harbor Stations—Big Cargo of Oil

Returning from a visit to the northern whaling stations, the Canadian Northern Pacific Fisheries Company's steamer Gray arrived at the outer wharf Tuesday. The vessel secured a full cargo of whale oil and fertilizer at Naden Harbor and Rose Harbor and is now discharging it at Pier B, where it will be taken aboard by one of the Blue Funnel liners.

Since the steamer was in port last time her name has been changed. The former name Petriana on her bow and stern has been obliterated and the word Gray put on in its place. The Northern Steamship Company, which formerly owned the Gray, will call their new steamer the British Empire, the Petriana.

When she has completed discharging her cargo, the Gray will leave for the west coast to load more products of the whaling stations and bring them to this city. The Gray has been kept busy all summer in attending to the two northern stations and the ones at Sechart and Kyuquot. The officers of the steamer state that the vessels in the north are securing very large catches.

ANOTHER TORY FOR RECIPROCITY

Conseravtive Farmer Will Run Against H. Lennox in South Simcoe

Barrie, Ont., Aug. 23.—Thomas Hammell, of Becton, a Conservative farmer, who favors reciprocity, is announced as an independent candidate against Haughton Lennox, Conservative, in South Simcoe. The Liberals will not put up a candidate.

Vancouver, Aug. 23.—Alderman H. H. Stevens was last night selected as the Conservative candidate for the coming campaign. Speeches were delivered by Premier McBride, Attorney-General Bowser, the retiring member, George H. Cowan, and the candidate.

Mr. Stevens was selected on the third ballot. The others who came before the convention were Messrs. James Findlay, J. J. Miller, C. M. Woodworth and S. L. Howe.

The candidate was heartily cheered when he rose to return thanks for the nomination, and the convention hailed him with musical honors. Alderman Stevens declared that he felt convinced of the hearty support of every Conservative in the constituency.

Montreal, Aug. 23.—Alderman L. A. Lapointe, who has been for some years the leader of the city council, was last night nominated as Liberal candidate in St. James, at a largely attended convention. The Conservative candidate has not yet been named.

Toronto, Aug. 23.—E. B. Osler, M. P., has been nominated by the Conservatives of West Toronto.

London, Aug. 23.—Gloucester beat Northampton by 19 runs; Sussex beat the Indians by 10 runs; Surrey beat Kent by 9 runs.

SEAMEN LEAVE HOME ON ROCKS IN ORIENT

Shipwrecked Crew of Empress of China Arrive Here on Canada Maru

Leaving what has been their home for some time still hard and fast on the rocks where she struck off the Japanese coast, fourteen members of the crew of the R. M. S. Empress of Japan returned to this city Tuesday afternoon on the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Canada Maru, Capt. Kori. The good ship, however, was left in good hands by the crew and they expected that the salvage company will soon float the white liner from her present position, rush her to Hongkong and repair her as rapidly as possible so that she will be ready for the trans-Pacific run again in a very short time.

The members of the crew who arrived here Tuesday stood by the vessel for some time and when there was no further need for them they returned to this country. Among the shipwrecked crew were the following: Miss Mary Morrisey and Miss Alice Cleary, Stewardesses; August Oberkrom, carpenter, and Paul Soldin, C. F. S. Rose, H. Johansen, George King, Charles Grant, S. H. Cox, C. Jensen, C. F. Sharpe, D. Williams, Charles Emond, Felix Velle.

That the accident could not have been avoided was the opinion of the returning seamen. Following the terrific typhoon, which the ship had just weathered, the dense fog set in and in the strong currents while are always prevalent after a storm of that kind it was impossible to get the vessel in position. She was proceeding slowly and Captain Archibald, with his chief officer, was on the bridge with sharp look-outs being kept. The scene of the grounding was thirty miles from the regular course set by mariners navigating that part and the strength of the currents can be imagined.

It is stated by several of the men that the Empress was not the only steamship that felt the effects of the aftermath of the typhoon. Two of the coasting ships of the Japanese line were carried in a similar manner by the currents and only the lifting of the fog, enabling the skippers to sight the shore and get their bearings, saved them from sharing the same fate as the Empress. Under the conditions it was impossible to avert the accident to the crack white liner and the evidence is sufficient to exonerate the skipper.

About three thousand tons of cargo was brought across the Pacific by the Canada Maru and she discharged nearly two hundred tons here. The list of cargo included the following: Furniture, 220 packages; rice, 300 sacks; wheat, 60 sacks; sake, 130 casks; sugar, 65 casks, and general merchandise, 774 packages.

Her silk cargo consisted of 750 bales valued at nearly half a million dollars.

ASSAULTS ALDERMAN.

Police Sergeant Attacks Member Kamloops Council at Meeting of Commissioners.

Kamloops, B. C., Aug. 23.—At a meeting of the police commissioners held last night, Sergeant Nottley of the city force, while giving evidence, sprang from the witness box and struck Alderman Bayntun in the face. It took the combined efforts of Provincial Constable Simon, Alderman Graham and a spectator to bring the policeman to his senses and eventually to a cell in the city jail. The assault was the outcome of an investigation put under way by Alderman Bayntun. Sergeant Nottley is now out on bail.