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CANADA IS SAVED.

In 1812 the American army which invaded Canada was driven out of the country at the point of the bayonet by a few British regulars and the Canadian Militia. The invaders numbered six to one of the Canadian forces but the spirit of loyalty and devotion to their country was so strong that Canada was saved to the Empire. In 1891 a desperate attempt was made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to force on Canada a policy of Commercial Union with the United States, the logical sequence of which was the absorption of this country. With the assistance of a couple of million dollars of American gold and all of those who were tainted with treason in this country, Sir Wilfrid Laurier waged his campaign from one end of the country to the other. Following in the wake of their fathers and grandfathers the loyal men of Canada refused to be swayed from their allegiance to the Empire by the silver-tongued orator of Quebec. His policy was defeated and Canada has continued ever since to manage her own affairs.

Again without mandate from the people Sir Wilfrid Laurier entered into an agreement with President Taft to hand over all the control of our trade relations with other countries to the Government at Washington. He received his answer, an answer that will not be forgotten by the people of this country for years to come; an answer that will be applauded in every section of the Empire however remote. By the wiles of his friends, Sir Wilfrid Laurier was declared elected by acclamation in Quebec East but seven of his Ministers including the two who conducted the tariff negotiations at Washington have suffered defeat, and his party is routed.

Mr. Borden, who adheres to the old trade policy of the Conservative party which had led to the up-building of new industries, the creation of a home market, the construction of railways for opening up the country, for providing ways and means for the development of agriculture, for the promotion of better roads, the nationalization of our chief ports and other important measures that will insure the continued prosperity of Canada, has been returned to power by a majority of 48 according to the latest returns. Under the new Government Canada will enter upon an era of greater prosperity than ever before and the grafters and middlemen will disappear from our politics.

THE RESULT IN ST. JOHN.

The result of the elections in the two constituencies of St. John will hardly come as a surprise to the people who have been following the trend of opinion during the past six weeks. When Parliament was dissolved it was expected in many quarters that the Minister of Public Works would be re-elected, but that he would find it impossible to carry his colleague with him. As the campaign advanced it was evident that Mr. Pugsley had lost ground by his failure to fulfil the promises he had made in 1908, and that his defeat was not only possible but probable.

Mr. Pugsley was selected as the representative of St. John at Ottawa in 1907 because the people believed he would be the strongest advocate they could send in their interests. Through the energy and self-sacrifice of her own citizens St. John has undertaken in 1895 a work, truly National in its character. The importance of what this city was doing to direct the import and export trade of the country in the winter season through a Canadian port and away from foreign ports was recognized throughout the whole country.

In twelve years the city of St. John had expended nearly a million and a half of money in the erection of wharves and warehouses and providing terminal facilities for the Canadian Pacific Railway. As the income from these facilities was insufficient to pay the interest on their cost the burden fell upon the taxpayers. This was not all. The facilities were insufficient for the trade. More wharves and warehouses had to be erected or the city stood to lose much that it had gained. St. John had reached its limit of expenditure and there was a general feeling that this city was not getting full justice from the Government at Ottawa. It was this feeling that found expression in the election by acclamation of Mr. Pugsley in 1907. In 1908 because they did not wish to interfere with the carrying out of any plans he had made for the future betterment of the port many Conservatives cast their votes for Mr. Pugsley.

The course of the Minister of Public Works since 1908 down to the present time has been such as to deprive him of all Conservative sympathy, instead of using the

great power that he possessed for the sole benefit of his constituents it was soon discovered that the constituency was only the means to an end and that end was the encroachment of a few political friends. He has paid the penalty of his own neglect by a majority reduced to the vanishing point and which, if a recount is held, may altogether disappear.

A vast amount of treasure was expended in his interest, tons of literature were distributed to show what he had done for St. John, but the people were unconvinced. They found in Mr. Pugsley an opportunist willing to sacrifice his country and his constituency for the furtherance of his political ambitions. They heard him advocating the Reciprocity agreement with the United States, which his common sense told him would destroy the winter trade of St. John and render useless the vast expenditures made by the people of St. John and the Dominion of Canada.

No man in this country ever had a better opportunity to make good than Wm. Pugsley, but he failed to keep his pledges to protect Canadian interests and gave his support to the vicious and disloyal policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Pugsley's victory is worse than a defeat. If he goes to Ottawa at all he will go shorn of all power and if he remains in Parliament during the next term it will be as an Opposition member. In opposition Mr. Pugsley will certainly be a unique figure. The experience may have a chastening effect on him.

A DISGRACEFUL CAMPAIGN.

The campaign conducted by the Liberals in this constituency in the interests of Mr. Lowell and Mr. Pugsley was the most disgraceful in its history. It was evident at the outset that they meant to win by fair means or by foul. First they took possession of the machinery of the campaign by ignoring the High Sheriff of the County who, from the foundation of the Province, and ever since Confederation, has always been selected as returning officer, and appointed in his stead a strong partizan of their own, a man who has been twice a defeated candidate for the Local Legislature. As a result of this appointment every returning officer was a Grit, many of them strong partisans.

Hundreds of voters were approached during the latter days of the campaign and invited to motor boat excursions and automobile rides on election day in order that they might be unable to cast their votes for the Conservative candidates. At every polling booth there were men with pockets full of money willing to pay from ten to twenty-five dollars to a voter who would give his promise either to leave the poll or vote the Liberal ticket. The desperation of ward heelers to secure votes had apparently driven them to throw caution to the winds for there was no attempt at concealment in their nefarious work.

Reports of irregularities on the part of deputy returning officers have reached the Conservative headquarters and a recount of the votes in the city constituency will certainly be demanded, and if Mr. Pugsley still has a majority a protest against his return will be entered.

Had the people been allowed to exercise their franchise honestly and fairly, the majorities against the Liberal candidates would have been overwhelming. With all the machinery of the election at his command, with unlimited money in the hands of his supporters, Mr. Pugsley comes out of the election with a nominal majority and his colleague is defeated. This is one election which will be followed by a thorough expose of Liberal methods to obtain majorities.

The history of 1891 has been repeated in 1911 and the dream of Sir Wilfrid Laurier of a Continental union that would replace the British Flag in the northern half of the North American continent has been interrupted by a second rude awakening. The people of Canada have now twice told Sir Wilfrid that they desire to manage their own affairs without reference to Washington. He will be a brave politician indeed who will tread in the footsteps of Sir Wilfrid and again attempt to impose a policy of separation from the British Empire on the people of Canada.

Where is that 1500 majority that Mr. Pugsley said he was going to have in this election? There is quite a difference between 1500 and 64, and even this is doubtful. If Mr. Pugsley had been able to keep all the promises he made in 1908 and also to persuade the electors of St. John that there was anything behind the picture of those works in Courtenay Bay he might have obtained the majority he told the Montreal reporter he would have. The difficulty was that Mr. Pugsley overestimated his ability to befool the people of St. John a second time.

In 1878 when the Conservative party won their great victory which gave the Canadian people a National Policy and a home market, their leader, Sir John A. Macdonald was defeated in Kingston, Ontario, but soon after obtained a seat in British Columbia. No such catastrophe occurred in the elections of yesterday. Not only is Mr. Borden a winner in Halifax but every prominent Conservative throughout Canada who is likely to be called upon to take a seat in the new Government has been triumphantly returned.

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LETTER FROM BOSTON GIRL

Boston, Mass., Sept. 21.—Will women wear straw gloves next? Behold, at any rate, the newest creation in the grey old hub—the white kid hat, trimmed with white kid trumpet lilies and lined with white velvet. Again the feminine mind has taken one of its twists in the sudden and overwhelming popularity of white felt and velvet hats, worn as outing hats, though they are not primarily intended to be worn at the seaside, nor in cool weather. They are just for the September wear, you know, and probably for October there will be something quite different, and then again for November. Sky blue, lavender, or orange, pink and the popular reseda give eddy coloring to the autumn maid, and the very streets seem to be taking on the colors of the woodland.

Those Bostonians, some tens of thousands of them, who witnessed the illumination and carnival on the Charles River basin on a recent evening, agreed with our dourly naysayer that more festivities of the kind should take place on that public pleasure bay whose charms and facilities for recreation have been too little enjoyed thus far. Let the forecasted Venetian scenes be enacted, and the possible beauty of the harbor waters which should rival anything in this land, were its advantages availed of.

The invasion of an important and lively political meeting and its speedy transition into suffrage rally stands to the credit of one of Boston's most energetic suffragists, Miss Margaret Foley. This clever advocate of woman's rights completely won over the crowd of some 1500 men who attended a rally at which leading candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives were the speakers. Although one of the representatives attempted to sidetrack Miss Foley's request for information as to the position of the candidates regarding the suffrage question, that young lady courteously and winningly insisted on recognition, and succeeded in persuading the doubtful candidate to commit himself by promising to vote for suffrage when the question comes up on the hill. Not only that, but the speaker, Miss Foley, stepped forward and made a rousing suffrage speech, giving his reasons for favoring it, and wound up by leading the assemblage in three cheers for Miss Foley, and three more for "votes for women." In the enthusiasm of the men they even forgot to announce the big Democratic barbecue scheduled for the next day, and the audience had to be admonished to pay attention to what the speakers, so intent were they on watching the charming suffragist in the gallery, Miss Foley finds that Americans are more polite and generous in this matter than the English, for when this method of gaining recognition is attempted in an English political meeting, the lady in question is promptly, and sometimes very rudely, ousted from the hall by policemen, without a chance to get an answer to the effect of the meeting was briefly expressed by a youngster who had climbed up in a window. He approached Miss Foley and said earnestly: "You are all right, that was the best Tammany meeting they ever had, don't you think so?" When she replied, "Why, I don't know. I never went to one before. Aren't they all like that?" The youth snorted: "Well, I should say so. When a woman ever got up and told them what they had to do before."

"Will you kindly send me a booklet of points of interest in and around Boston?" So wrote a total stranger in New York city to a Hubbitt young woman, who for the moment was in a quandary what to reply. "The inquirer had enclosed postage and evidently was justified in expecting a reply. No wonder, for the moment was exactly what was wanted. The stranger, then, was she literary? Then Lindsay Swift's book on the literary landmarks might be the thing—except that it would be giving a rather expensive present. The same statement might be made about any of Mr. Bacon's admirable guidebooks. It would be too much to give a thing to pay out a quarter of a dollar on the chance of its being returned by the unknown inquirer. The young woman was pondering this question at one of the tunnel stations her eyes fell on a rack containing some of the Elevated Company's booklets. The title "Why Not Go to Boston and See the points of interest?" Just the thing to serve as guide to a stranger who is probably intending to spend a few days here and who wants to know how to find her way around a city which is generally believed to be very intricate and complicated. It was the thought. Accordingly one of the yellow booklets was dropped into the convenient Boston bag to be mailed later to the Gothamite correspondent. Incidentally the Bostonian herself was led to look carefully for the first time through the printed pages of the booklet, and to the amount of valuable information stored away in seven pages of moderate size; hints and descriptions of the historic places to which everybody who visits Boston wants to go, detailed suggestions for trolley trips from place to place at a fixed rate for the whole tour. Three days after the booklet was forwarded an acknowledgment came from New York stating that the information was exactly what was wanted and that some of the suggested trips would be followed during a contemplated September visit to the city. The information was exactly what was wanted and that some of the suggested trips would be followed during a contemplated September visit to the city. The information was exactly what was wanted and that some of the suggested trips would be followed during a contemplated September visit to the city.

Ernest Fraser will leave Saturday evening for Winnipeg where he will enter the employ of the Union Bank. W. W. Laskey, formerly in the drug business here is now manager for Hunt & McDonald, Fredericton.

Hamilton-Quinn. A very happy event took place at the Melville residence, St. John, West, when Rev. H. E. Thomas united in marriage Harriet, daughter of Moses Quinn, Armstrong's Cor., and Harry Robert Hamilton of Petersville Church.

The bride, who was unattended, was dressed in a travelling suit of navy blue serge with hat to match. After the ceremony the happy couple took the train for their future home, Petersville.

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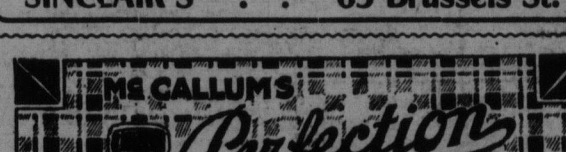
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