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Why? Why? Why?

It is a sign of intelligence to ask the reason why of a thing, especially of a thing that is to some extent under our control. If we are called upon to make a change, a really important change, we naturally ask why this is to be done. If it is not an important thing that there should be a change of government, then it is not worth fighting, for things may as well remain as they are; but if it is important, and there is going to be a struggle, then we are justified in asking the reason why. Why at this important juncture, when the Liberals have had only four years in which to lay down the lines of their policy, and to show the nature of their programme, should they be dismissed to make way for Sir Charles Tupper and his friends? We are told because this is an absolute necessity, as the country is on the verge of ruin, and if Sir Charles Tupper is not allowed to save it now, it may be too late. When we remember that the country had the strength to stand eighteen years of Tory rule, and was even then not quite ruined, we may well smile at this statement. All independent men who take a wide view maintain that things have taken a turn, and that a new era of prosperity has dawned. It is evident, then, that the "blue ruin" cry is only an election scare, got up to frighten timid people, but in these days people are not so easily frightened; they have been too long accustomed to cries of that kind.

Again, we are told that the Liberals should be turned out because they have increased the expenses of the country. In this case that would be like dismissing a manager because he had increased your business. The revenue is large, and the internal development is greater; a young, growing country must carry on its affairs in a spirit of enterprise, and this means increase in every way; increase of expense, but also large increase of revenue. If it can be proved that money spent is unwisely spent, or dishonestly handled, that is another matter, but this our Conservative friends have failed to do. With all their talk about "fags," they have had to admit that the great enterprises undertaken by the present Government in east and west are for the good of the country as a whole. Every day admissions are made in the Conservative press, to the effect that the trade of the country has vastly increased in volume during the last two or three years. They try to diminish the credit of the Government, but the fact is there, and they, being in opposition, can scarcely take credit for the enlarged trade and improved revenue, though they are competent to make startling claims.

Why, then, should a change be made? Is it because the leaders of the Conservative party have somehow acquired the right to rule the country, and that an injustice is done to them and to the constitution so long as they are kept out? From the tone adopted by some of these gentlemen, one might imagine that this was the case, but in this democratic age the idea would be scouted by all sensible men. There is something of that feeling among a certain class of Conservatives in England, and that can be easily understood, as they are descendants of those who did for a long time rule the land by virtue of their position and possessions. In Canada, however, we feel that the appeal to the people is not a mere form, but a living reality. The people are sometimes carried away in a flurry of excitement. The present, however, is a quiet time, and the election will, we believe, be largely an appeal to reason, and to facts and figures which can be reasonably interpreted. The people, then, want to know why they should listen to the request of the Conservative party for place and power at this time. Echo answers, Why? We, at any rate, cannot hear any more intelligible sound. There is plenty of noise in the Conservative camp, but the wisest men seem to be unable to make any such sense out of it as will lead to a real policy and definite programme. It is, it seems, to be a matter of faith—an affair of open your mouth and shut your eyes and see what the Conservatives will give you. Well, this is not the age of faith in that sense, and the people are not prepared to follow blindly in hope that Sir Charles Tupper will turn out to be a great magician who can make everything bright and beautiful by his mere presence and touch. We do not think that there is hope of a Conservative victory until they can give a better answer to the question why they should be allowed at this particular juncture in the life of the country and the affairs of the empire to assume responsibility and grasp the reins of power.

The Toronto World speaks of Sir Charles Tupper as "the veteran ex-chief." Who's on the top then? Haggart, Montague, McLean, Foster, Caron, or the gentleman from Manitoba who promises to smash the agricultural implement industry because the manufacturers won't subscribe to the Opposition campaign funds?

Electoral Corruption.

We published a letter the other day from Mr. A. B. Cox, on electoral corruption. It dealt mainly with electoral corruption in this city.

The corruption in any particular riding is local, and affects that riding only, but there is a description of corruption far worse in its effects than local corruption.

Major Beattie claims to be very loyal, and denies that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is loyal, in fact, claims that he is a rebel. The major would do well to remember the motto from Junius: "The subject who is truly loyal to the chief magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures."

The corruption of which Major Beattie and his party have been guilty is the worst kind of corruption and disloyalty. Leaving out of consideration for the moment any local corruption that may have existed on either side, how much more damaging and far-reaching is that corruption and disloyalty of which Major Beattie and his party have been guilty! Major Beattie is trying to make his followers believe that French-Canadians are disloyal, and that they are endeavoring to establish a French republic on the banks of the St. Lawrence. Could any accusation be more unjust, unfounded or vicious in its tendency? He who expects Canada to become a great nation must surely expect it to become so by the blending of all the various nationalities that seek a home within its borders. Will this ever be accomplished by casting slurs upon those who have on more than one occasion been under fire protecting the British flag? With all our boasted loyalty, can any other nationality point to one of its race who has accomplished as much for the honor of the British flag as the French-Canadians can claim has been accomplished for it by Sir Wilfrid Laurier? Major Beattie's professions of loyalty are weak and faint compared with the accomplishments of such a man; but when he has the audacity in the teeth of the knowledge of the people, in the teeth of the rebuke of his leader, to repeat his slander, his utterances become the most vicious kind of disloyalty—a disloyalty that would carry hatred and discord into the happy homes of Canada.

Another equally corrupt and dishonorable act was that passed by the late Conservative Government, known as the gerrymander act. What corruptionists in a single constituency may do by the purchase of votes, this was designed to do for the whole country. The corruptionist in a constituency is a retail dealer, but the Conservative party, by that act, became wholesale dealers in corruption. And as long as the Senate remains as it is with a Conservative majority there is not likely to be any sign of repentance.

By all means, we say, do all that can be done to make the elections in each constituency pure, but let not reformers expect too much from a party that refuses to repeal an act of usurpation, designed to govern the majority by the will of the minority, and to kill, politically, every prominent member on the Reform side in the House of Commons. It is not to be wondered at that individual Conservatives resort to unfair means at an election when the party leaders design, carry and insist upon maintaining so villainously fraudulent a measure as the gerrymander act.

Canada is well satisfied with Laurier.

Says the Montreal Herald: The two biggest men in Canada today are Lord Strachan and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. This will draw some comment from the Conservative press, but it's the truth.

So popular are Canadian products in Britain, since our tariff has been fixed to favor the Motherland, that an enormous demand has sprung up for them, and some dealers have been selling United States hams as Canadian. They have been heavily fined for false pretences. The experience is a fine object lesson to the people of the Dominion.

Forging a copy of the Toronto Globe, and issuing many thousands of it from the office of the leading Opposition Journal in Montreal, is the latest attempt to mislead the public resorted to by the Smart Aliens who are managing the Opposition campaign. First, Pamphlet No. 6, with its condemnation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for sending a contingent to South Africa to aid the Motherland; now this clumsy forgery. What next?

The London Economist (a non-political paper) administers a signal rebuke to those ill-balanced partisans who continually assert that those who do not agree with them politically are disloyal and rebels. Says our contemporary: "To tell you that you are a traitor and an enemy of the country because you differ from them as to what is good for the country is to falsify issues and to raise a most dangerous kind of feeling." The editors should frown down all such unfair methods.

Sir Charles Tupper is billed to speak in Hamilton on Oct. 31, which is nomination day. If he were wise he would be in his own constituency on that day, for his absence may lead to his defeat. But perhaps he is not anxious on that account, for he gave a pretty strong hint in Toronto last Saturday night that he would retire from public life as soon as he found that the elections had gone against him. That will be Foster's opportunity to lead the Opposition, for Hugh John does not count.—Hamilton Times.

Soldiers and Their Votes.

The Toronto Star points out that the Canadian soldiers who return from South Africa before election day will be able to poll their votes. A special clause in the Dominion Elections Act provides that the soldiers may vote upon taking the usual oath, even if they are not registered.

Here is a further significant fact: If the old Dominion Franchise Act were now in force, not only would these soldiers be deprived of their votes, but every man who was not from 24 to 25 years of age would be disfranchised, while thousands of persons who have taken up their residence in a foreign country would be brought back to vote, along with other non-residents and occupants of graveyards.

All this took place last election. The fact that it could be done, and was done, in the election of 1896, gave the Conservatives a victory in West Toronto and in East York at last election which otherwise they could not have scored. In at least half a dozen other constituencies in Ontario, similar unfair conditions, worked for all they were worth, pulled the Tupper candidates through. Without them the Opposition nominees are doomed to defeat. No wonder they denounce the law that renders such a state of affairs impossible.

Never Believe Me Again.

At Sydney just before the last general election, Sir Charles Tupper became very impressive and oracular, saying:

"I am neither the prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I make the statement here and now, and I want to be judged for all future time by it, and never believed again, unless it turns out to be true. The great Liberal-Conservative party will be returned triumphantly with a greater majority than they have now."

So we are entitled never to believe Sir Charles again, as a prophet, according to his own declaration.

Less than two weeks to election day. The friends of the best Government Canada has had for 20 years ought to arrange to have every vote polled.

The election of Dan. Donohue, the big cheesehead, will do more to advertise Brockville than any agency that could be devised. Brockville promises to embrace this splendid advantage on Nov. 7.

The London Economist, the principal financial journal, says: "The finances of Canada are at present in a very flourishing condition." Yes, the era of deficits ended with the defeat of the Tupper Government in 1896.

Says the London (England) Saturday Review: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier sent men to South Africa because Canadian sentiment demanded it, and the Canadian contingent will return in time to strengthen his hand in meeting the misrepresentations of the reactionists."

In the last four years Canadians have done well and have prospered as they never did before. Why change our tactics and permit ourselves to be switched on to the backward track mapped out by those who have declared that they will repeal the British preferential tariff the moment they get the opportunity?

There were three bye-elections in New Brunswick last month, and the result was as follows:
Kings, Liberal majority.....829
Queens, Liberal majority.....337
Albert, Liberal majority.....242
This is a year in which the Opposition have no hope of success, though their leaders are boasting to keep the courage of the downcast above zero.

With a shift and unsettled tariff there will be fluctuations and uncertainty of employment and permanency is impossible.—Montreal Star.

The unsettlement of the tariff is Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, who promises, if elected, to see that the revenue tariff of 20 per cent on agricultural implements is thrown off, thereby blotting out this large Canadian industry. What we need is to keep the Opposition leader and his candidates from acting like bulls in a china shop.

The agents of American implement companies are supporting Opposition candidates. They approve of Hugh John Macdonald's pledge to smash the agricultural implement factories of Canada, because their owners are satisfied with a revenue tariff of 20 per cent. They want the whole Canadian market, though Canadian manufacturers are debarrd from selling in the United States by a tariff of 50 per cent. With the Opposition leader it is, "Support me, or when I get the chance I will smash you." Canadians generally will resent with their votes an attitude so vindictive and unstatesmanlike.



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PREVENTED BY CUTICURA SOAP.
TREATMENT.—Cleanse the scalp and hair with warm shampoo of CUTICURA SOAP, then with warm water, dry and apply a light dressing of CUTICURA, a pinch of sweet oil and cure, gently rubbed into the scalp. This treatment will clear the scalp and hair of crusts, scales, and dandruff, soothe irritated and itching surfaces, supply the roots with energy and nourishment, and make the hair grow, while all else fails.
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FRIDAY BARGAINS, OCT. 26th.

We aim to grow. Last Friday we exceeded all previous Fridays. This Friday, the last in October, we present a very attractive bargain list. We again advise morning shopping, as some of the quantities are limited.

SPECIAL RIBBON SALE.

On sale Friday, 35 pieces Fancy and Plain Silk Ribbons, 3 to 6 inches wide, assorted colors, worth from 25c to 35c per yard. Special, Friday only 15c

A5 ample Lot of Ladies' Vests and Drawers.

The quantities of some lines are limited. We give you particulars below:
1/2 dozen only Ladies' All-Wool Vests, 60c quality, for 35c
11-12 dozen only Ladies' Ribbed All-Wool Vests, 60c quality, for 35c
1/2 dozen only Ladies' White All-Wool Vests, 60c quality, for 35c
1/2 dozen only Ladies' Black All-Wool Vests, 1st quality, for 35c
3 dozen only Ladies' Wool Vests, fleeced-lined, 40c and 45c quality, for 25c
5 1/2 dozen only Ladies' White and Gray Wool Vests, fleeced-lined, open fronts, 30c and 35c quality, for 20c
1 dozen only Ladies' Wool Vests, open fronts 15c
1 dozen only Ladies' Knit Wool Drawers, 30c and 35c quality, per pair 20c
3 dozen only Ladies' Natural Wool Shade Drawers, open and closed, 30c quality, per pair 20c
1 1/2 dozen only Ladies' Fine Knit Wool Drawers, 50c quality, Friday, per pair 35c
6-12 dozen only Ladies' Super All-Wool Drawers, 75c quality, Friday, per pair 65c

A Bargain in Fine Eider Comforters.

1 only, beautiful colors, \$10.50 Comforter, for \$ 8 50
1 only, Satin and Sateen, Real Eider, \$12.50 Comforter, for 10 00
1 only, Super Satin and Silk, \$15 Comforter, for 11 00
1 only, Super Satin and Silk, \$19 Comforter, for 15 00

\$1.50 Belfort Kid Gloves, 75c Pair.

Perrin's Celebrated Belfort Kid Gloves, in shades of blue, green, reseda, helio, all sizes, 6 to 7, best \$1.50 Gloves. Friday, per pair 75c

35c Black Cashmere Gloves, 25c.

5 dozen only best Fleece-Lined Black Cashmere Gloves, our 35c quality. Friday only, per pair 25c

\$1 Corsets for 75c Pair.

We will offer a limited quantity of our regular \$1 Black and Gray Corsets on Friday only, per pair 75c

50c and 65c Corsets for 30c.

Our regular Fine Gray Sateen and Fine Cello Jean Corsets, black and blue, also 50c and 65c goods, sizes 21 to 27 only, Friday, per pair 30c

Flannelette Bargains--Very Special.

1,262 yards Heavy English Flannelette, fine assortment of patterns, our 12 1/2c quality. Friday only, per yard 9 1/2c

7 Pieces Only, 15c Quality, 11 1/2c.

A very superior English Flannelette, pink, blue and gray stripes, warranted fast colors, 15c quality. Friday only, per yard 11 1/2c

Best 20c Ceylons, for 15c.

10 pieces best 35-inch English Ceylon Flannels, a magnificent range of patterns, our 20c cloth. Friday, per yard 15c

\$1.75 Blankets for \$1.25.

20 pairs of Heavy Twilled Flannelette Blankets, in 11-4 and 12-4 sizes. Friday, per pair \$1 25

Furnishings and Clothing

Special line of Unlaundered Shirts, well made, good quality, our regular price 50c; special, Friday 35c
Gentlemen's Black Cashmere Hose, spliced heel and sole, our regular price 25c; special, Friday 15c
Special line Men's Gray Wool Socks, good weight, our regular price 35c; Friday, per pair 15c
Gentlemen's Linen Collars, straight bands and turned points, all sizes, fine quality, our regular price 15c; special, Friday 8c
A very fine line of Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear: Our special prices will be: For size 1, 20c; size 2, 25c; size 3, 27 1/2c; size 4, 30c; size 5, 35c; size 6, 40c.
2 only Leather Lined Doctor Bags, our regular price \$4 75; special, Friday \$3 50

Carpets.

Special line Extra Heavy Jute Carpeting, fancy designs, full width, regular price 25c; special, each, yard 15c

Laces.

Real and imitation Torchon and American Laces, 1 to 4 inches, regular 5c, 6c, 7c per yard; special, Friday only, per yard 3c

Grocery Department.

15 1/2 lbs. Redpath's Best Standard Granulated Sugar for \$1 00
Fresh Canned Tomatoes, Peas and Corn, Friday, per tin 7c
Fresh Canned Green Asparagus, 2-lb cans; Friday, per can 15c
25 Jars Upton Orange Marmalade; Friday, per jar 8c

Crockery Department.

White Ironstone China Cups and Saucers, per dozen 63c
White Ironstone China Plates, per dozen 63c
White Ironstone China Toilet Sets, special, per set \$1 19
White Ironstone Pudding Dishes; Friday, each 13c
200 Fancy Cups and Saucers; special, each 10c
7 dozen only Fancy Decorated Cake and Fruit Plates; special, each, Friday 13c

Staple Department.

224 yards only Fancy Wrapperelette in assorted colors and patterns, extra quality, regular price 12 1/2c; special, Friday only, per yard 8 1/2c
270 yards Fancy Wrapperelette, in Persian effects and plaids, specially nice for dressing sacks and blouse waists, worth regularly 12 1/2c; special to clear 7 1/2c
120 yards only White Apron Linen, fancy borders, worth regularly 17c; special 12 1/2c
2 dozen All-Linen Damask Side-board Covers, 1 1/2 yards long; special, each 25c
55 yards only Linen Table Damask, good quality, full width; special, per yard 18c
Special fine Union Wood Shirting, good weight and unshrinkable, regular price 25c; special, to clear 15c

Handkerchiefs.

30 dozen Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and scalloped edge, in white or black, worth 20c, 25c, 30c each; special, 3 for 25c
All-Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1/2 and 3/4-inch hem, regular 12 1/2c, 15c; special, until sold 10c

Mantle Department.

2 Only Ladies' Fur Lined Capes, black and red, best squirrel lining, fur trimmed, regular price \$32 50; special, Friday only \$27 50
2 Only Ladies' Fur Lined Capes, in green and blue, best squirrel lining, Thibet collar, regular price \$24; Friday only \$17 00
3 Only Ladies' Cloth Capes, in plaid and plain colors, no two alike, our Regular price \$5; Special, Friday \$3 50
Special line Children's Reefers in green, inverted velvet collar, regular price \$4; Friday only \$3 15
Ladies' Navy and Black Serge Skirts, inverted pleat, linenette lined, regular price \$4 75; Friday only \$3 85

Smallwares.

3 dozen only Pompadour Shell Combs, regular price 10c; special, Friday 5c
Half-Circle Pompadour Combs, very heavy, extra quality, regular 30c and 35c; Special, Friday 19c
Special line of Pompadour Combs, regular price 20c; Friday, each 10c
Special line Fancy Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, nicely decorated, in assorted shades; Friday, each 25c
Fancy Enamelled Hair Pins, regular price 10c and 15c; special Friday 5c
Special line Girls' Braid Pins, extra value; Friday, each 5c
Fancy Paperies, assorted, of Note Paper and Envelopes; special, per box 15c

Dress Goods for Friday.

5 pieces Black and Navy Serge (herringbone weave), all wool, 43-inch, regular 45c; Friday, per yard 33c
10 pieces Tweed Suits, in small checks and mottled surface effects, 42-inch, all-wool, regular 50c; Friday, per yard 33c
10 pieces Amazon Cloth Suits, 44-inch, all wool, broad cloth finish, special for blouses and children's suits, regular 60c; Friday, per yard 43c
5 pieces Black Figured Mohair and Crepon for separate skirts, 44-inch, regular \$1 25 and \$1 50; Friday, per yard \$1 00

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier Surprised Canada.

"The Conservative party in Canada is almost as leaderless, though not so divided, as the Liberal party in England; the one party has not recovered from the loss of its inspiring leader, Sir John Macdonald, as the other has not recovered from the loss of Mr. Gladstone. Then Sir Wilfrid Laurier has shown himself a statesman of noteworthy ability, as well as great personal charm; he surprised Canada; and the reflected glory which the Dominion enjoyed from Sir Wilfrid's success in London at the diamond jubilee can hardly have been forgotten"—London, Eng., Financial News, Oct. 6, 1900.

A morning contemporary says that Ontario is Conservative by tradition. Judging by the fact that the Province has had a Liberal Government for 30 years, that is the only way in which it is Conservative.—Montreal Herald.

That Ontario is Liberal and will vote that it is Liberal on Nov. 7 is testified to by so disinterested an authority as the editor of La Presse, the Montreal Independent Conservative Journal. Trust not to Ontario giving a Conservative majority in the ensuing election, he plainly warns his friends; Ontario is Liberal, and you must look for a majority in Quebec, if you are to succeed. In Quebec, so sanguine are they of Liberal success that among

the shrewd dealers on the Montreal Exchange 2 to 1 is offered that the Government will be sustained.

In Ottawa, Hon. Clifford Sifton is denounced, along with other Ministers, because they do not spend enough money. In outside constituencies, unscrupulous Opposition speakers are insinuating, what they dare not assert, that Mr. Sifton and other members get money corruptly because they live well and spend freely. This double-faced game is as contemptible as that played with Pamphlet No. 6 in Quebec, where the Premier is campaigned against by the Opposition on the score that he is too British, while in Ontario race and creed hatreds are fomented by Opposition speakers and papers with the cry that "Laurier is not British enough."

THE NEW PALACE HOTEL.

Toronto, Oct. 25.—Aemilius Jarvis, of the Toronto Palace Hotel, has sent out notices stating that the requisite \$450,000 of hotel bonds have been underwritten, and that the first call for 25 per cent will be made in a few days. This means that the new hotel will be built at once. Boston capitalists will furnish \$500,000 of the \$7,250,000 required for the enterprise.

The march to Pekin and what came of it. Hear the lecture Monday night by Dr. Daniel.

PEACE-MAKER KILLED.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—A serious row occurred in Rockland yesterday morning, resulting

in the death of Joseph Rochon, an employee of Edwards' mill. Two men employees of the mill had a quarrel over some wood which they had piled up to take to their respective homes. In the midst of the dispute a brother of Rochon's stepped in between them to prevent the row going further, and was knocked down by Guidon and pummeled to death. Guidon is under arrest.

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Every Organ of the Body Toned up and Invigorated by



Mr. F. W. Meyers, King St. E., Berlin, Ont., says: "I suffered for five years with palpitation, shortness of breath, sleeplessness and pain in the heart, but one box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills completely removed all these distressing symptoms. I have not suffered since taking them, and now sleep well and feel strong and vigorous."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills cure all diseases arising from weak heart, worn out nerve tissues, or watery blood,