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THE GOVERNMENT DEFEAT

The appeal to prejudice and passion has been successful. The government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been defeated by a very large majority. The country was partially swept off its feet by appeals to loyalty which should have had no place at all in the campaign, and by a cunning play upon the prejudices of the people. There were, of course, other influences. The trusts and combines subscribed heavily, and the advocates of high tariff fought with tremendous energy to defeat the party which had lowered the tariff, and which had now proposed to do more in that direction by taking the taxes off natural products. Then there was Bourassa and his campaign against Sir Wilfrid in Quebec. Just how many opponents of any contribution by Canada to imperial defence there may be among Mr. Borden's Quebec following it is as yet impossible to say.

However, Mr. Borden has an ample majority, and one of his first tasks will be to formulate a policy. It has pleased the majority of the people of Canada, to reject a trade agreement which the Liberals believe would have added immensely to the prosperity of this country. This journal believes that time will vindicate the judgment of the Liberal party, and that the trade restriction policy will ere many years suffer a defeat as complete as its victory today.

With regard to the result in the maritime provinces, while the Conservatives made gains, these provinces still give a Liberal majority, the figures being twenty Liberals to fifteen Conservatives. In New Brunswick the Liberals still have eight out of thirteen seats. This result, compared with the landslide in Ontario, the National victory in Quebec, and the Conservative sweep in Manitoba and British Columbia, will give great satisfaction to the Liberals throughout Canada. The result in New Brunswick, and especially in St. John city, when compared with results in other provinces, is a great tribute to Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the minister from this province. Because of the work done and the greater works planned in connection with the development of this port, Dr. Pugsley deserved a much larger vote than he received, but it is a satisfaction to know that he survived in a contest which was fatal to so many cabinet ministers.

Col. McLean gave his political foes a great surprise in Quebec, by enlarging his majority. Mr. Garwell in Carleton had a very close fight and Mr. Emmerson's majority was almost wiped out. However, the province will have a strong Liberal delegation in the next parliament.

The Liberals of St. John were extremely sorry when they heard of the defeat of Mr. Lovell. He had made a splendid fight, and up to the last it seemed that there was a possibility of victory. The great vote which he polled is a fine tribute to his popularity and worth.

LIBERAL ORGANIZATION

The first duty of the Liberals in Canada will be to perfect an organization which will set them upon the road to victory in the near future. The Conservatives are in power today as the result of a map vote, and not because of dissatisfaction on the part of the people at large with the general policy of the government. The struggle between the highly protected interests and the people must still go on. Before the Conservatives have been in power for four years the country will probably be ready to swing back into the Liberal column. Of course, the Liberal party must await the development of the Borden policy, but the influence which will dominate that policy make it quite certain that it will not give general satisfaction to the masses of the people. Mr. Borden in opposition could wave the flag and arouse prejudice, and make promises. Mr. Borden in power must deliver the goods to the various influences and factions by whose aid he has attained power. The Liberals are beaten for the moment. They will rally, return to the struggle, and at the first opportunity present to the people a policy which will command public confidence and support.

In the city of St. John the Liberals should begin at once the perfection of an organization more invincible than any with which they have ever confronted their opponents. It is a task requiring close and careful attention.

Sir Hugh Graham may get the high commissionership after all.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company will be among the corporations which will extend warm congratulations to Mr. Borden.

What will happen now with regard to the Courtenay Bay works, the St. John Valley Railway, and other projects in which St. John has a vital interest?

Alberta and Saskatchewan went strongly for reciprocity. But Manitoba on one side and British Columbia on the other were true to Roblin and McBride.

It is much to be regretted that the St. John Standard, which has been so conspicuous an example of a truthful and independent journal, has fallen to the low estate of a mere government hack. All the things it has said about the Times and Telegraph will now apply to its unucky self.

The Conservatives now have a great opportunity to develop the port of St. John. The work has been already planned, and it is only necessary for Mr. Borden to carry it out. Dr. Pugsley has been charged with making promises. He will now be able to stand by and watch the Conservative performances.

In an interview last night Premier Hazen again gave publicity to the campaign fiction that Canada went Conservative because to do otherwise would imperil the integrity of the Empire. He disagrees on this point with Sir James Whitney and also with Mr. Powell, not to mention the members of the British government.

The selection of a cabinet minister from New Brunswick will apparently lie between Dr. Daniel, Mr. Fowler and Mr. Crockett. The Montreal Star in 1908 saw various serious objections to a government in which Mr. Foster would be finance minister, and Mr. Fowler minister of railways; yet that is among the possibilities in 1911, and it will be interesting to observe the attitude of the Star.

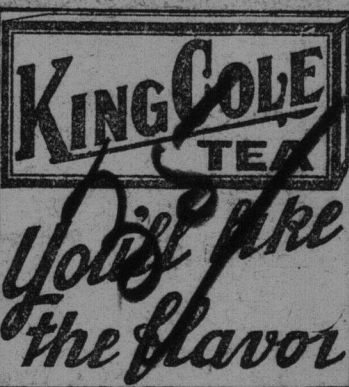
The first thought of all Liberals, in connection with yesterday's defeat, goes out in sympathy to the honored chiefman who led them with such conspicuous ability for so many years, and who yesterday deserved so different a verdict. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is still Canada's greatest statesman, and one of the great statesmen of the British Empire. No political defeat can rob him of that honor, nor of the unswerving reputation he has borne throughout his long public career.

It appears that an element of vindictive bitterness may be introduced into the political situation in St. John. The Standard declares that the election of Dr. Pugsley will be protested. The Conservatives know perfectly well that the Liberals would have no difficulty in voiding the election of any one of their candidates. It is not customary to do as is now threatened, and if it is done it could only be inspired by a vindictive hatred of the man who has led the Liberals of New Brunswick with so much success.

So far as the Times is concerned, it has the satisfaction of knowing that during this campaign its expression of views were in harmony with those of the majority of the people of this city and of this province. The Standard this morning in the flush of its great victory accuses the Times of falsehood in its predictions. Inasmuch as the Standard itself predicted a victory in St. John, in the province and in the maritime provinces, which it did not gain, that journal must have done some lying on its own account. Moreover, having given the Standard a somewhat substantial trimming on its own door yard, the Times is not taking any "back wash."

The Maritime Merchant devotes an interesting article to the question of providing in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick a line of great roads of such a character as to encourage tourist travel by motor car through the more interesting portions of the provinces. This is a matter to which reference has been made by public men and by the press in both provinces, and it is one which may well command general attention. The roads would not merely have the effect of bringing many tourists and possible investors in this direction, but they would be of enormous benefit to the public, and would have a great influence in building up those sections of the provinces which they traverse. There is no question before the public to day which is of more importance to the people than that of good roads.

The figures for July show a further large increase in building operations in Canada. Construction, the Builders' journal, has reports of new work undertaken in thirty-three cities, amounting to \$12,002,076, compared with \$10,096,276 for July last year. The largest amount registered was \$2,787,100 in Winnipeg, and Toronto was only about \$1,000 behind. Vancouver came next with over \$1,000,000, Calgary with over \$800,000, Saskatoon and Regina over \$500,000, and Edmonton nearly \$500,000. It is noted that the chief increases, with the exception of Toronto, are in the west, where the cities and towns are growing with great rapidity. The showing in the eastern provinces does not compare at all with that in the west. It may be hoped that St. John, at least, will very soon begin to show a development which will compare favorably with that of the western cities.



THE FORESTER'S RETURN

(Denver Republican.)
I'm back on the job by the singing river,
Far from the town with its money-mad,
Back where the quaking aspens quiver—
And I'm glad.
I'm back to the shack where the trail is winding
Mid flowers of every scent and hue,
And I feel when I gaze, the hot tears blinding—
Wouldn't you?

I'm back to the creek of the good old saddle,
To the equine friends that never doubt;
Back to the haunts—with canoe and paddle—
Of the trout.
There's work to do, and there's work in plenty,
And we sleep in the open, if fate so wills,
But no man is more than one-and-twenty
In the hills.

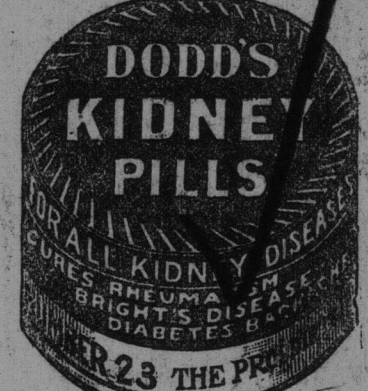
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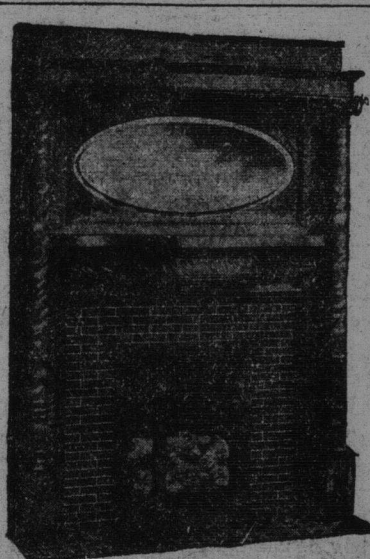
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(Washington Star.)
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