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LAURIER AT MONTREAL.

A perusal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at the banquet in Montreal on May 29 reveals the fact that he is very angry with President Taft for writing the now celebrated "adjunct" letter exposing the true inwardness of the reciprocity pact.

But he should have taken warning from Mr. Taft's New York speech in which it was plainly stated that the object of the scheme was to prevent the consolidation of the British Empire by controlling the Canadian tariff through an iniquitous legislative agreement.

However Sir Wilfrid still professes to be enamored of reciprocity, notwithstanding Mr. Taft's inept disclosure. Perhaps his declaration in this regard was made for the purpose of helping his friends in Saskatchewan.

But what is to be said about the fact that Mr. Fielding was present at the banquet and was not even called upon to speak? He was once high in Grit circles. Some people even regarded him as the brains of the Laurier administration. He was the controller of events. He negotiated the pact which was to make Canada an "adjunct" of the United States and forced the scheme on the Liberal caucus. He is out of parliament and he cannot secure a seat. He attends a banquet at which his leader is acclaimed and is not allowed to make a speech. Is it possible that the once mighty has fallen so low that his own party repudiates him and "there are none so poor as do him reverence"? It is sad, very sad.

THE CARTIER MONUMENT.

The movement to erect a monument to Sir George Cartier is meeting with most encouraging support. His services to Canada are worthy of the highest recognition. Sir Charles Tupper's tribute is: "Without Cartier there could have been no confederation and therefore Canada owes him a debt that can never be repaid."

Sir John Macdonald said: "Cartier was as bold as a lion. But for him confederation could not have been carried."

The following letter from Lord Dufferin to Sir George in 1872 tells of the distinguished Earl's appreciation of Cartier's worth and work:

The Citadel, Quebec, August 29, 1872. My dear Sir George.—Although I am bound by my office to keep aloof from political contention, I am sure I am not guilty of anything unconstitutional, if I express to you the deep and extreme regret with which I have learnt of your defeat at Montreal. In common with almost every other man who has attained distinction in Parliamentary life, you have been called upon to undergo one of the proverbial vicissitudes incident to the fortunes of popular men, but unlike many of those whose careers have been most brilliant, you can afford to console yourself with the reflection that the distinction you have won has not been merely personal, but that your name is indissolubly incorporated with the most eventful and most glorious epoch of your country's history. Commencing as it does with your entrance into political life, and culminating in that consolidation of the provinces to which your genius courage and ability so materially contributed.

As to your easily procuring a seat of course there can be no doubt, for I am sure that even your bitterest political opponents would scarcely forgive themselves if their triumph were to involve your exclusion from Parliament.

My chief regret is for the tax on your health which the late contest must have entailed. I should be so glad to learn from yourself as soon as you have a little leisure that it has not materially suffered.

We are remaining here until 23rd Sept., and though encamped in a barrack, we could still find a bed room for you, as soon as you are able to join us.

I need not say how welcome both to Lady Dufferin and myself your visit would be.

Yours sincerely, DUFFERIN.

Lord Strathcona makes a handsome contribution and sends the following reply to a cable message:

28 Grosvenor Square, W., London, 4th May 1912 My dear Sir,—On the 1st November last, in acknowledgement of your cable message of that date, I telegraphed you:

"Your today's cablegram. Gladly accept membership Committee for erecting monument to Sir George Etienne Cartier." and it affords me gratification to know from your letters that the memorial to Sir George-Etienne Cartier is being taken up so warmly by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and by the people of Canada generally; and I need only here say that I join most cordially with you and those who are acting in the matter.

At the same time it will afford me much pleasure to contribute Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500) to the fund for the memorial, as I not only appreciate most fully all that Sir George Cartier did in the interest of the Dominion, but from the fact that it was my privilege to regard him as an intimate personal friend, for whom I entertained the highest esteem.

Believe me, very truly yours, STRATHCONA. E. W. Villeneuve, Esquire, President, The Cartier Centenary, P. O. Box 188, Montreal, Canada.

The subscriptions are apparently coming in apace. The federal government gives \$20,000, the Quebec legislature \$10,000, the Ontario legislature \$5,000, Manitoba legislature \$5,000, City of Montreal, \$10,000, Halifax Canadian Club \$100, Victoria, B.C.,

Canadian Club, \$50, R. G. Laurier and Sir Lomax, \$100, hundred dollars. There shall be a great man who did great things.

CANADA AND

In a sense unknown to the people of British Columbia the Pacific towards the A always peacefully submit British Columbia work long we must arm to k country. At this end of the tians realize the Germ keenly than those who dces. Resident by the sea vital importance of naval the Nova Sco the shores of which t Sydney is a tion City

In a recent article the T minence to the fact that the P grant arrived in the city ada, who has the advantage of and paid a visit to North point, has assured the country day afternoon, and will deal with the question pions with regard to the liquor.

The Premier of British Col Mr. Grant visited a local Charlotte St. houses, outlook, supports the feder he found them all running warmly. Moreover Mr. Grant a rushing business, with to one to hinder them re audience the other day the is good," said Mr. Grant, the whole Dominion behind is no reason, if the officials duty, why such conditions strong naval policy. Nor e. Premier go too far when hhibition for Sydney.

mination of all decent Cal all-important question quic

The people of this counte Nova Scotia Temperance pensioners on the rest of th ns in the Act are as of all the provinces want to take their place on that fir spector, the Chief of Po man in the city may at night, enter any place and British traditions and iced contrary to the pro In a growing sense they realize t, and search for, seize, liquors found. Provi the destruction of such everywhere. Therefore they w g or having in any place occupied or maintenance.

The announcement is made th ber or person re- nation of the Act, and the Minister of Marine will shor first offence ain to confer with the Admiralty. T of fifty dollars, T offence three receive the best possible advice born an incorporated second offence

ience and they will be wise to follow an incorporated second offence the interest of Canada and the Empir for third or hundred dollars, s cannot be re- be a real help. If we build ships here secures a first s duty on ye, after has again the need is greatest and the admiralty information for that is better than anybody else.

The announcement that the lion's cub, liquor proper around the mother and that they as, enforce- big and powerful might go far to stop the purpose, race in naval competition. Canada's duty is in the matter and Canada will do her duty.

The World's Press

DEPARTING SWINE.

Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, at a dinner in Trenton, praised a certain stump orator. "Even when his audience is unsympathetic," said Governor Wilson, "the man's wit is unending. He was speaking one night in a hall, and his hearers, being of the opposite party, rose almost en masse to depart. But the speaker held up his hand and shouted: 'Wait a minute, gentlemen, I've got a few more pearls to cast.'"—Los Angeles Times.

THE PLOT OF THE PACT.

The "happiest expression in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's life," according to the Globe, was his realization of the confidence of his followers that he should lead them in Opposition after the disaster of last September. It may have been with the altruistic idea of bringing this sunshine into Sir Wilfrid's life that our contemporary plunged him into the reciprocity negotiations.—Mail and Empire.

DEFENDING MR. BRYCE.

"Mr. Bryce has been an excellent Ambassador. He is popular both with the American and the Canadian people. He has done far more than any of his predecessors to make to make himself acquainted with Canada and her needs, and to give to Canada the kind of assistance that she has a right to expect. The question was one for Canada to decide, and the Government of Canada for the time being had the right to any diplomatic assistance that he could give. A very different Government now speaks in the name of Canada, but it has no fault to find with Mr. Bryce and will, no doubt, command just as fully as its predecessor any services that he can render."—London Times.

WAS IT BAD MONEY?

Did Spain's "queer" gold pieces on the Armada? A London cable says that thirty-two copper coins have been recovered from the Armada galleon sunk in Torbay Bay. They are the first Spanish copper coins of the period of which there is any record. They came up, we are told, shining like burnished gold, and the staff of the salvage ship were sure that the long expected gold had been reached at last, and greeted the glittering coins with cheers. But all is not gold that glitters and the coins turned green under the acid test.—Exchange.

"ET TU BRUTE."

President Taft knows now how it feels to be an "adjunct." That is his present relation to the Roosevelt boom.—Toronto Globe.

HARD LUCK BOTH WAYS.

After all, it was hard luck for any man to be on the Titanic if he escaped, everyone would say he kicked somebody in the face. If he went down, everyone would praise him, and he couldn't hear it.—Ottawa Journal.

GEORGIAN BAY CANAL WANTED.

It would appear that the Canadian canals are chiefly working for the United States, especially during the rush season in the fall. If the Georgian Bay canal was built this traffic would be going via Montreal instead of New York.—Ottawa Citizen.

WILL HAVE LOTS OF TIME.

As for the Liberal party and the tariff, it will take some time for the party to rehabilitate itself in the confidence of the people and as a party it might as well take time to consider carefully in which direction it will move next. It has plenty of time for consideration, rest assured.—London Free Press.

EVERYBODY HAPPY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on his arrival in the city yesterday to be dined, had only to say to the newspaper men who met him that he was very happy. The rest of it is also bearing up well. That September election result, just have made him feel well all round.—Montreal Gazette.

Charlotte Street Liquor Houses Running Wide Open

Subway at McQuarrie's Crossing Again to Fore

A great deal of dissatisfaction has been expressed as to the grades in the new subway at McQuarrie's Crossing, especially for about twenty-five feet at the northern end.

At the meeting of the Board of Works which was held Wednesday a communication was received from the Cape Breton Electric Co., also complaining of the steepness of the grade at this point. The specifications had called for a maximum grade of 8%, while the grade for a number of feet at the northern end was 13%. They asked that, as the work was not yet finished on the subway, this defect be remedied. This was referred to the engineer.

One of the members of the Board last evening referred to the bog at the bottom of the tunnel and asked if there was not some way to have this done away with. The engineer replied that there were already two catch-basins there. However, if the subway were to be raised a few feet in the middle it would help considerably. He stated that the car needed 15 feet, so that would mean that the bottom could be raised, but a little over a foot.

The engineer said that a few loads of slag would better conditions there greatly. Finally after some discussion, as to whether the cars really needed 15 feet, (one gentleman pointing out that Montreal subways used by cars were only 12 feet deep), the engineer was authorized to take the matter up with the solicitor to see about the city's rights in the matter, and as to the advisability of raising the bottom of the subway.

Monument To An Apple Tree

Morrisburg, Ont.—A ceremony unique in the history of fruit growing will take place at Dundela, near here, on Saturday, June 8. A monument will be unveiled to an apple tree. The farmers of Dundela county by popular subscription have placed a marble stone close to the spot where stands the original McIntosh red apple tree, that succumbed only recently after braving the storms and its enemies for over 100 years.

To mark the spot, where stood the tree that gave to the world one of its most famous varieties of the king of fruits, the donors believe that they are doing a service to posterity.

About 150 years ago Mr. John McIntosh who came to Canada with the United States loyalists and settled in Mathilda township, found a number of apple trees, while clearing a place for a home. One of these produced the McIntosh red. In 1806 the old tree was partly injured by fire but continued to bear on one side until 1908 when it failed. On the old McIntosh homestead due honor is being done to it and to its discoverer in the unveiling of a monument.

G. T. P. Firemen Given Increase

Montreal, June 6.—A revised schedule carrying a substantial wage increase has been granted to the firemen of the Grand Trunk Railway. The old mileage rates, which ran from \$2 to \$2.70 per hundred miles, according to the class of work, have been changed for a mileage schedule ranging from \$2.15 per hundred miles to \$2.90. Within the limits of these figures, the increases range from 10 cents per hundred miles to 30 cents per hundred miles.

The monthly rate of pay on the special list will range from \$70 to \$80 per month instead of \$57 to \$74 as formerly. After when men are called out for a day or week service, they will receive ten hours credit as a minimum wage for such service. Firemen will longer be required to clean the engine staff to look after.

Mayor Has Tender Heart

Aunt Prue you been dead? Choir boy, he is not going will" instead. The June 5.—At the meeting held tonight, His strong and somewhat in favor of the support children which were is of an elderly lady by had deserted them and ar. This lady was un- gation to support these were not her own. They attend school as the afford to buy them.

The asylum (Mayor) there his rounds when one should all patients, who had spent many years in the institution, but unholid him. "Do you know, doctor, I am thinking of getting married," he said. "But you are too old, are you not?" "Oh, no," was the reply, "I'm just fifty-seven."

"That's not so bad," returned the doctor, humoring him. "I must see if we can get you a nice wife, about fifty."

"Fifty, doctor, fifty!" exclaimed the lunatic. "I'd rather have two at twenty-five."

The Mysterious Handful. A troupe of wandering musicians were playing before a Swiss hotel. At the end of the performance one of the members left the group, approached the leader of the band and pulled out a little paper box, which he emptied into his left hand while the eyes of the leader followed every movement.

"If I then took a plate in his right hand, passed it round, and a large number of what he held in his left hand. "Why, it's very simple," he said. "I'm a leader when questioned. 'Where subject to temptation, and so I'm hold it in his left hand. I count these when he is sure of the money."

Want A Better Price For Work

At the meeting of the Board of Works which was held Wednesday a communication was received from the Sydney Paving and Construction Company, stating that their contract with the city had about expired. Further they were willing to undertake any work the city might wish to give them, but they could not do it at less than 1.90 per yard for sidewalk, and .90 per lineal foot for curb and gutter.

The Board thought this price too much, it being, in each case 10c. more than they were being paid at present.

The engineer thought the best way out of the matter would be for the city to do the work themselves, as, he felt sure that way cheaper than what the company was asking.

However, as this would mean an outlay of about \$500 for machinery it was thought that this would be impracticable. Finally it was decided to call again for tenders for the continuation of the work.

Oldest Grand Trunk Man Dead

Montreal, June 6.—A cable message received by Vice President William Wainwright of the Grand Trunk Railway, announced the sudden death of Major James Stephenson, probably the oldest veteran of the Grand Trunk Service. It was stated that Major Stephenson had met his death as the result of an accident. He was 75 years old, and came to Canada from England in 1854, when he entered the Grand Trunk Service as a boy of 18, his period of work thus ante-dating that of Mr. Wainwright by several years. He held office as general superintendent for a number of years and at that capacity when the late C. M. Hays assumed the management of the road in 1896. He was later retired on a handsome pension.

The Duchess in Improving

Montreal, June 6.—Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Cornwall, passed a fairly good night and is making as satisfactory progress towards recovery as can be expected. Dr. W. R. Hamilton was called in consultation.

(Signed) E. S. Worthington M. D. by A. E. Garro M. D. W. W. Chipman M. D.

Mr. J. A. H. Cameron, the Cape Breton novelist is visiting at his old home in Mabou, C. B. Mr. Cameron arrived from Montreal on Monday, where he is practicing law, and spent a day in Glace Bay with his sister, Mrs. (Dr) E. O. McDonald, and a day in Sydney among his

relatives. He was accompanied by his wife and two children. He was met by his friends and they were all very glad to see him. He will stay here for some time.

More Training In Religion

KINGSTON, June 1.—Rev. W. Y. G. Brown of Sherbrooke, Que. in his address on Sunday school work before the Montreal Methodist Conference, deplored the absence of religious instruction in the public schools and said that so far as the present outlook was concerned the state did not intend giving such instructions. It was, therefore, up to the church to see that necessary and much needed religious training be given, not only to the youth of the land but also to the adults who had not had an opportunity in times past. He strongly stressed the best equipment and the best work of the church being given to Sunday school.

Mr. Crowe, commandant of the Sunday school, has asked delegates to visit the school on Saturday morning when they will give an opportunity for the inspection of the building on a parade and gymnasium.

The Methodist Conference, presided over by Rev. Douglas Richardson, will address which congregations of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

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