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Prophecies of "Blue Ruin,"

The editor of our city contemporary, the Free Press, must have great difficulty in keeping his face straight when he writes that the manufacturers are In danger unless the Opposition succeed in the ensuing election. That was an outcry which the Conservative press and orators turned to full account in 1896, and no doubt with considerable effect; but it will not frighten intelli- or 67 per cent. gent electors this time. The cry of prospective "blue ruin" in which the Free Press indulges now is but a continuance of its tactics in the last general election. Then our contemporary professed to be just as sure that the country would go to smash unless its political friends were allowed to rule as it is today that a like disaster will result unless Opposition candidates are elected. On June 20, 1896, the Saturday before election day, the Free Press delivered itself as follows:

"To the mechanic, the agriculturist, the laborer, again comes the bugle note of warning. Be not deceived; the success of Laurier and his associates means the commencement of an era of discontent, of uncertainty, of suspicion; an era when people of capital will not put another dollar into any manufacturing concern. It will inaugurate a period when the banks will refuse to aid the manufacturer with advances to proceed with his undertakings. Let the working classes-the bone and sinew of the country-stay and reflect before it is too late, what Laurier's success would do for us! It would frighten away capital, dispirit all enterprise, shake the very foundations of commercial credit."

No lack of "blueness" in this prophecy, and we know that there were some who believed our contemporary, which, like the political orators who talked on the same side, set up a position which it a leged was the Liberal position, and then proceeded to demolish it with fearful forebodings of what would occur unless Sir Charles Tupper and his associates were retained in office.

In spite of the expedients resorted to, and they were many and questionable, the late Government was defeated, and the results of four years' administra-tion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues are now before the Domin-

Have the manufacturing industries been killed? No; though we have had a substantial measure of tariff reduction, though we have preference in favor of British goods of 331/3 per cent over foreign countries. anadian indus tries have prospered a id expanded as they never did before. If there were any doubt upon the s ibject, we have but to consult the captains of industry, the financiers anyone having dealings with our commercial classes The farmers have prospered, the manu facturers have prospered, the worker have prospered. All have shared in th good times that have been ours, spite of the doleful foreboding of th Prophet of Evil. What says Mr. P. W Ellis, president of the Manufacturers' Association:

"Our manufacturing industries are all actively employe , without exception. The manufacturers are employing more people that n they were five years ago. I really believe that at the next census it will be shown that there has been such an increase in the number of people engaged in the manufacturing industry as will astonish the people of Canada."

Mr. J. P. Murray, of Toronto, another manufacturer, who, like Mr. Ellis, has always been a The manufacturing interests of Canmore stable basis ada were never on general prosperity that has visited the Dominion has been abundantly shared by the manufacturers. It has not only been the increase of business that has been so gratifying, but the better tone of the country and

payments promptly has been very en-The Canadian factories are running to their full capacity for the most part, and many have been competed to work overtime to keep up with their orders. The rate of wages has been advanced, but the dividends have not suffered thereby. There never was a time when the manufacturing interests of

"As a general proposition it can be pending contest of the parties. are not troubling themselves as a body as to which side wins. They are satisfied with affairs as they exist. Individually we all have our political preferences, and would like to see our own party win, but the day is past when as a solid body the manufacturers of Canada will interest themselves in an

"Most of us are so busy looking after our expanding business interests that we have little time to give to politics." It is a happy day for Canada when

such a declaration can be made. There could be nothing more detrimental to the best interests of Canada than Red Parlor domination of the country. It was a national scandal when the manufacturers, under the late Government, were assembled in the Red Parlor at Toronto and compelled, often most unwillingly, to subscribe large sums to the campaign funds, under pains of being served with a fate such ens the makers of agricultural imple-

Both the country and the indepen- pamphlet. No. 6, for Quebec consumpdent manufacturer are better off now tion only, is still kept in circulation. that Red Parlor domination has been destroyed. The people of the Dominion, it is evident on all hands, are far more | Laurier.

prosperous today than they were in the years prior to midsummer, 1896, and the testimony we have here adduced, as well as statistics accumulated, show that the manufacturers and off. Let us give a few comparative tables of the number of men employed in 1895 and in 1900 in different establishments in Ontario citles:

١	LONDON FACTORIES.	
ı	No. of Empl	oves.
ı	1895.	1900.
3	McClary Mfg Co 450	600
E	E. Leonard Mfg. Co 135	160
i	Wortman & Ward 50	80
i	D. S. Perrin 150	255
ı	London Box Co 20	45
ł	London Bolt Works 30	60
g	Stevens Mfg. Co 135	170
ì	Bennet Furnishing Co 54	74
B	G. T. R. Car Shops 160	390
	Columbia Handle Co 30	80
	Hastings Hat Company	40
	London Hat, Cap and Man-	
	tle Company	45
	John Campbell & Co 40	60
	Wray Corset Co 25	55
	Gorman, Eckert & Co 25	32
3	London Soap Co 20	35
N. N. S.	John Marshall & Co 57	128
	Totals 1,381	2,309
	Increase as compared with 1895,	The second
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2	PIANO FACTORIES - TORO	NTO
1	AND GUELPH.	
	1895.	1900.
	Bell Organ and Piano Co.,	
	factories at Guelph 250	400
	Heintzman & Co 130	190
	Mason & Risch 59	135
	Gerhard Heintzman & Co 100	135
	A. & S. Nordheimer 70	125
ST.	Whaley, Royce & Co 38	41
	A. A. Barthelmes 50	95
	Otto Higel Co 15	80
	Pipe Organ Co	45
	Totals 712	1,246
	Increase, 534.	
	Toronto Publishers-	
-	1895.	1900.

	Totals	712	1,246
	Increase, 534.		
3	Toronto Publishers-		
		1895.	1900.
	Copp, Clark	150	200
	Warwick Bros. & Rutter	225	300
	Brown Bros	110	165
	W. J. Gage		300
•	Publishers' Syndicate		60
l	Poole Publishing Co		40
)	The Barber & Ellis Co	70	100
3	Hunter, Rose & Co	100	126
1	Totals	885	1,291
,,	Increase, 496.		
1	Momenta Trees Wheeled		

- 1	I doile I dollasming Co		7
	The Barber & Ellis Co	70	10
	Hunter, Rose & Co	100	12
	Totals	885	1,29
	Increase, 496.		
1	Toronto Iron Works		
-		895.	1900
1	Dominion Radiator Co	125	36
	Polson Iron Works	140	24
-	John Inglis & Co	100	17
	Fensom Elevator Co	80	12
	A. R. Williams Co	40	6
	H. W. Petrie	15	3
)	Dodge Pulley Co	60	11
•	Bennet & Wright Co	80	11
1			-
	Totals	640	1,22

Increase, 580. The number of men employed by the packing houses of Toronto has increased over 92 per cent since 1895. The following is the record.

,	Louis Hulls as the locality.		
,	1	895.	1900.
,	William Davies Co	200	340
1	Park, Blackwell Co	35	100
3	Gunn Bros. & Co	50	100
3	The William Ryan Co	30	45
200	The George E. Martin Co	3	30
	Totals	218	615

Totals 318 612
Increase in five years, 294.
Brantford Factories
Men employed, 1879 2,815
Men employed, 1899 3,513
Wages paid, 1897\$ 943,335
Wages paid, 1899\$1,224,888
Increase in men 698
Increase in wages \$ 281,553
Clothing and Whitewear, Toronto-
1895. 1900.
Consolidated Cloak Co., Ltd 200

ıg	Minerva Mfg. Co	50	280
S.	Wyld-Darling Co	20	200
1-	Gale Mfg. Co	300	450
75 2	S. F. McKinnon & Co		200
rs	Allan Manufacturing Co	300	600
1e	P. Jamieson	20	175
in	R. Simpson & Co		100
ne	The state of the line of the state of		
v.	Totals	690	2,205
1	Increase over 1895, 1.515.	or 219	ner

With a record of improvement of conditions, under the new order of

things, such as these authenticated returns prove, we are certain that no workingman will today listen to the gloomy forebodings of the Free Press. Our contemporary belched forth "blue ruin" prophecy daily prior to the general election of 1896. It would fain try the same trick again. But with pros-Conservative, says: perity on every hand, under Liberal rule, and bright prospects for the future, such an outery is but laughed at by the people. They refuse to scare.

No. 6 and Its Teaching. The two-faced game being played by

the ability of purchasers to meet their the Opposition in the present campaign was never better exemplified than inthe speech made the other day, at St. Lazare, Que., by Mr. Gelley, Conservative candidate for Bellechasse. He devoted nearly all his attention to making a bitter attack on the Laurier Government for sending the Canadians Canada were in a more satisfactory to take part in what he called an unjust war. He scathingly denounced asserted that Canadian manufacturers Great Britain as having entered the are paying no special interest to the war from the basest motives. The English, he said, went to South Africa simply for robbery, plunder and rapine, to rob the unoffending Boers of their gold and of their country, and to crush to the earth two freedom-loving republies who dared to stand up for their rights. He delivered a most eloquent eulogy on the Boers-"those quiet, peace-loving farmers"-and compared them to the honest farmers of the county of Bellechasse, and he closed by an impassioned appeal to the electors for their support in the coming struggle for the Conservative party, which was not tinged with this imperialism so dear to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his friends. It may be that such an attack was regarded as good politics by the Opposition managers, but it is to the credit of the electors that they received it with silence. They are apparently pleased with the broad-mindas Hugh John Macdonald now threat- ed attitude assumed by the Dominion Ministers in aiding the empire in her hour of need. The Conservative

Canada is well satisfied with

South Middlesex.

Maleolm McGugan, M. P. for South Middlesex, is sure of re-election. South Middlesex is what is called a "Grit their employes are also much better hive." The only object the Conservatives have in putting Mr. J. C. Judd in the field is to prevent the election of Mr. McGugan by arclamation

Mr. McGugan has already represented the riding for one term, and he has been a useful member of the House. He is regarded by members on both sides of the House as a capable, level-headed man. Before he entered Parliament he was a member of the County Council, and had been warden of the county. In his own business affairs he has prospered. He is a clear reasoner and shrewd business man, having been selected when the Northern Life Assurance Company was established, in this city, to be one of its directors. He is a splendid representative of the farming community, understands clearly all their wants, and although he takes little part in the debates of the House, he is one of its most practical members. South Middlesex will be well represented again by Malcolm McGugan, M. P.

Rejected Ballots.

The following is a return of the rejected ballots in two Dominion general

5	elections:		
5	Riding. 189	1.	1
5	Lambton East	11	
1	Lincoln	62	
5	London	20	
0	Muskoka	17	
5	Perth South	17	
_	Prince Edward	23	
6	Waterloo South	21	
•	Wellington Center	15	
	York North	30	
	Norfolk North	17	
).	Addington	91	
0	Bothwell	11	
0	Brant South	92	
5	Brockville	29	
0	Bruce East	8	
0	Bruce West	18	
0	Cornwall	90	
0	Grov North	no.	
6	Haldimand	65	
-	Hastings North	7	
1	Kingston	90	
	Kent	97	
	Welland	10	
1		10	

The False Prophet Again.

Sir Charles Tupper, when he heard of the phenomenal success of the Ontario tour of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, hurried back to this Province, and in passing through Montreal took occasion to attempt to cheer up the spirits of his followers by prophesying that the Opposition would win in the ensuing contest. This was, as a matter of fact, a talking through his hat by the honorable gentleman. Sir Charles has a bad reputation as a prophet, but he never fails to prognosticate. He is always going to win, no matter though proof to the contrary, as in the present instance, is overpowering. On the re of the last election, in 1896, he told the Cape Breton electors:

"I am neither the prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I make 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." As this prophecy was doomed to failure, and Sir Charles has asked the Canadian people never to believe him again, as a consequence there seems to be no disposition on the part of the large majority of the people either to accept his present prophecy or to aid in its fulfillment.

All at Sea.

Among the Conservatives you have Sir Charles Tupper declaring in Parliament that it would be a dangerous and bad policy to construct railways as Government works, that the only way was to subsidize railway companies. In Manitoba Hugh John Macdonald dechares that it is madness to subsidize companies, and that the only way is for the Government to build the roads. In Parliament, Mr. George Taylor (the Opposition whip) almost wept at the terrible evils coming on his neighborhood by the importation of American agricultural implements, and last week in Manitoba Hugh John announced that he would stand up for the abolition of the duty on implements. (Laughter.) On these two questions they could knock heads together, if they chose, but, after all, that was a small potato kind of policy. (Applause and laughter .- Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance at Tilbury.

Of Course He's Too British. Sir Charles Tupper has declared in the Province of Quebec that Sir WMfrid Laurier is too British for him. One can readily believe that he is speaking the truth, and that had he cared he could, with perfect honesty, have repeated this criticism in Ontario. During the last year of Tupper's administration the total export of agricultural products and animals and their products, from Canada to Great Britain, (that is in 1896) was to the value of \$42,000,000. This year, under Laurier's "Too British" policy, the total has risen to \$72,560,000. No wonder, when Sir Charles has to face these figures before a jury of Canadian farmers, he is led to declare that Laurier is too British

The Opposition leader in Manitobe pledges himself to let in all agricultural implements from the United States, whether or not that policy destroys our manufactories. The London Free Press says we ought to have a high McKinley tariff on all imports. agricultural implements included. In unity there is strength, but not in the "unity" exemplified by Hon. H. J. Macdonald and the Opposition organ in London. These vote-catching devices are seen through by the intelligent electorate

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Progress! The latest adherents to the Government policy embrace Mr. H. T. Stevens, of Moncton, N. B., formerly M. P. P., and at one time editor of the Times of that city. Mr. Stevens has been a life-long Conservative, but he believes that the interests of his native Province would be best served by sending to Parliament a supporter of the Government in the person of Hon. Mr. Emmerson, who resigned the Premiership of New Brunswick to run for the Commons in Westmorland. Mr. Stevens' declaration to this effect, the telegrams inform us, has caused a sensation in the district. Another noted convert to the side of Liberalism is Mr. C. S. Burley, of Portage la Prairie, Man., who has been all his life a Concondition of affairs the Government ought to be sustained by every patriof the Laurier Government from a commercial and agricultural standpoint, Mr. Burley asks: "What more could any government do than Laurier has done to promote Canada's wel-

From all parts of Canada come similar reports.

A "Hold-Up" Not Advisable. Mr. John Charlton thinks that the

British Government might "perhaps" have removed the restriction upon cattle entering Britain from Canada as a return for our giving a trade preference to Great Britain. Perhaps the British Government will soon make this concession. We have the best of authority for stating that Lord Strathcona, our High Commissioner, has been unceasing in his endeavors to have the restriction removed, and that while there was no prospect of it being romoved under the old order of things, when British products were very heavily taxed by Canada, the new era inaugurated by the present Government has so commended the Dominion to our old country kindred that they are now much more likely to listen to representations from our Government than formerly. This much is certain, that if our Government had "help up" the British Government, as its opponents have declared the proper course, and had refused to establish a preference for the Motherland until she destroyed her trade freedom, or even until she altered her law regarding the importation of cattle from all parts of the world, the Government and people of Great Britain would have postponed for many a long day the entertaining of any approaches on our behalf. Lord Strathcona, who is in a position to know, holds that the right way has

been taken, and he loses no opportun-

ity to promote our interests in the best

possible ways offering.

Francis H. Clergue on Thanks. giving.

In the Toronto Star Thanksgiving Day issue there appears among a list of reasons for general thanksgiving, the following from Francis H. Clergue, who is the head of the great syndicate that is spending millions in developing and opening up mines and timber lands at Sault Ste. Marie, Northern

Sault Ste. Marie, Oct. 10, 1900. To the Daily Star, Toronto, Ont .: For a climate unsurpassed in these energizing qualities which produce the best of intellectual and physical development in the human race; for a soil that nourishes the most important elements for sustaining and protecting that race; for such disposition of physical forces and material resources as insures rich reward to the activities of mankind; for all these exceptionally happy conditions, Canservative, but now says in the present ada should be thankful. Her just laws, good morals, and excellent educational system are some of the results of these conditions, which will otic Canadian. Looking at the record more widely known and will turn to her vast unoccupied areas a constantly increasing throng of people seeking a share of these privileges.-Francis H. Clergue.

The hard-headed worker is asking these days what sense there would be in voting against a Government under which for four years he and his fellows have prospered as they have never done before, and Canadian Interests have been looked after with statesmanlike carefulness. The "nest of traitors" have been "scotched" but not killed, and it would be risky to again put them in power.

In the celebrated Pamphlet No. 6, circulated by the Opposition in Quebec, it is stated in large type: "The first utterances of imperialism were made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in London. Then it was that he put the Canadian soldiers at the service of the English." Outside Quebec the Opposition are declaring that Sir Charles Tupper "forced" Sir Wilfrid Laurier to send the contingents. As the Winnipeg Free Fress aptly remarks, these deliberate attempts to disrupt the unity of the Canadian people are the worst possible sort of disloyalty to Canada and the Empire.

The Toronto Telegram (Independent Conservative) expresses the fear that a "victory for the Opposition might license the worst elements in the Conservative party to return to their old game." It most assuredly would do so. But the danger is one against which the public means to guard. There will be no victory for the Opposition." The intelligent electors are not likely to change Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. Mr. Paterson, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. David Mills and their colleagues, for the Tuppers, Fosters, Haggarts, Montagues and lesser luminaries of the late Government. The "old game" to played and the gamesters sent into becoming obscurity.

A Great Imperialist Leader. [Montreal Witness.]

That Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been one of the greatest imperialist leaders. not only of Canada, but of the empire, during the last four years is now acknowledged by Britishers everywhere. And it is his doyalty to the Queen and the empire, his Canadian patriotism, for which the people of Canada highly esteem him. seems evident that the people of Ontario in their general welcome of him Toronto were proud of him as a Britisher, and especially esteemed him as a Britisher of French origin. It should be regarded as the English-Canadians' response to the French-Canadian premier's declaration of his mission as a statesman, namely, to promote the friendship, peace, fraternity and union of the French and British

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