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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.

"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."

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 alleged 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' administration by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues are now before the Dominion.

Have the manufacturing industries been killed? No; though we have had a substantial measure of tariff reduction, though we have a preference in favor of British goods of 23 1/2 per cent over foreign countries, Canadian industries have prospered and expanded as they never did before.

"Our manufacturing industries are all actively employed, without exception. The manufacturers are employing more people than 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 conservative, says: "The manufacturing interests of Canada were never on a more stable basis than today. The 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 the ability of purchasers to meet their payments promptly has been very encouraging."

"The Canadian factories are running to their full capacity for the most part, and many have been compelled 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 Canada were in a more satisfactory state."

"As a general proposition it can be asserted that Canadian manufacturers are paying no special interest to the pending contest of the parties. They 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 election."

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 their employes are also much better off. Let us give a few comparative tables of the number of men employed in 1895 and in 1900 in different establishments in Ontario cities:

LONDON FACTORIES. Table with columns: Factory Name, 1895, 1900. Includes McLary Mfg Co, E. Leonard Mfg Co, Wortman & Ward, etc.

Totals 1,381 2,309 Increase as compared with 1895, 928; or 67 per cent.

PIANO FACTORIES - TORONTO AND GUELPH.

Table with columns: Piano Factory Name, 1895, 1900. Includes Bell Organ and Piano Co, Heintzman & Co, Mason & Risch, etc.

Totals 712 1,246 Increase, 534. Toronto Publishers—

Table with columns: Publisher Name, 1895, 1900. Includes Copp, Clark, Brown Bros. & Rutter, W. J. Gage, etc.

Totals 640 1,220 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:

Table with columns: Packing House Name, 1895, 1900. Includes William Davies Co, Park Brickwell Co, Gunn Bros. & Co, etc.

Totals 318 612 Increase in five years, 294.

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.

With a record of improvement of conditions, under the new order of things, such as these authenticated returns prove, we are certain that no workman 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.

No. 6 and Its Teaching.

The two-faced game being played by the Opposition in the present campaign was never better exemplified than in the speech made the other day, at St. Lazare, Que., by Mr. Gellay, Conservative candidate for Bellechasse. He devoted nearly all his attention to making a bitter attack on the Laurier Government for sending the Canadians to take part in what he called an unjust war.

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Canada is well satisfied with Laurier.

South Middlesex.

Malcolm McGugan, M. P. for South Middlesex, is sure of re-election. South Middlesex is what is called a "Grit 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 acclamation.

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.

Rejected Ballots.

Table with columns: Riding, 1891, 1896. Includes Lambton East, Lincoln, London, Muskoka, Perth South, etc.

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.

All at Sea.

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 declares 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 Wilfrid 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 \$72,500,000. 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 for him.

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Table listing various flannelette items and prices. Includes Ladies' Long Waist Corsets, P. N. Corsets, Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, etc.

The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co

208, 210, 210 1/2 and 212 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON.

Joining the Winners.

Still they join the great Army of 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.

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 removed 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.

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 Ontario: 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 producing 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, Canada should be thankful. Her just laws, good morals, and excellent educational system are some of the results of these conditions, which will soon be more widely known and will turn to her vast unoccupied areas a constantly increasing throng of less happy people seeking a share of these privileges.—Francis H. Clergue.

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 loyalty to the Queen and the empire, his Canadian patriotism, for which the people of Canada highly esteem him. And it seems evident that the English-Canadian 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 Canadians.

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