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## A SPLENDID SHOWING.

It is on account of excellent stewardship which will be submitted in the report of Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer covering the last year of his tenure of office as Surveyor General of the Province of New Brunswick, and it particularly serves to draw attention to the great change which has been wrought in the administration of that important department since the craft-ridden rule of the Pugsley Robinson group of ineffectuals.

According to the report the total territorial revenue of the Province for the year ending October 31st last, is \$529,823.82, of which \$367,641.92 is stumpage. There is a balance of uncollected stumpage of \$5,979.35, all of which is considered good. This shows that if the stumpage accounts were all collected the receipts for the year would be at least \$535,000 as compared with about \$521,000 for 1907, the last year of the Robinson Government.

The territorial revenue for the year ending October 31st, 1910, was about \$495,000, which in itself was a gain of about \$174,000 over the best year the old Government could show. The returns for the year ending October 31st, 1911, including the collectable balance on stumpage would show an increase of about \$214,000 over the best year of the Robinson Government.

The lumber cut during the past year was no greater than that of 1907, so the increased revenue can be fairly set down as a part of the profit which the people of New Brunswick gained by exchanging dishonest incompetent administration for honest, capable government.

Much credit is due to Hon. Mr. Grimmer and the officials of his department for the splendid showing made.

## THE OPPOSITION POLICY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is apparently unconvinced that the majority of the electors of Canada are opposed to the policy he attempted to foist upon them. It is marvelous that the leader of a party sustaining such an overwhelming defeat should be guilty of the trade which Sir Wilfrid inflicted on the House of Commons on Tuesday last.

One object of this speech was apparently to convince the Canadian public that everyone who ran against the Laurier Administration in the Province of Quebec is tainted with treason and, therefore, unfit to follow the leadership of an Imperialist such as Mr. Borden. Nothing could be further from the facts than the deduction of Sir Wilfrid regarding the situation in the Province so largely peopled by his compatriots. So long as the French voter saw eye to eye with the Laurier Administration it was a matter of indifference to the ex-Premier. When the matter voted to assume control of his own conscience and vote as he pleased he became an unworthy citizen. For twenty years Sir Wilfrid Laurier has traded on his nationality to secure votes for himself and his party. When many of them refused to longer follow his lead and cast their votes to strengthen the Conservative party in the Province of Quebec he calls it an unwholesome alliance.

The resolution of the opposition to our own Dr. Pugsley, might have had some force two or three hundred years ago, but in the present conditions of government the motion is unworthy both of the mover and second. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier thinks that such a want of confidence as he moved in the House at the close of his rambling speech will attract any but passing attention among the Canadian people he is mistaken and only makes himself ridiculous in the public eye. It is surprising that Dr. Pugsley should second such a motion, as he knows that it can have no effect upon the public mind. Perhaps Sir Wilfrid was of the opinion that Mr. Borden should have consulted him in the formation of his Cabinet. From the attitude of the ex-Premier during the campaign and since, it would not surprise many who have followed his speeches if Sir Wilfrid were to openly state that he possessed a divine right to rule the Canadian people. Mr. Borden's plain talk, after the tirade of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, should furnish convincing evidence, not only to the gentleman himself, but to his friends as well, that it is highly improbable that his advice would either be asked or taken in the selection of the Cabinet or in anything else.

In the course of his remarks Sir Wilfrid had a good deal to say on the rejection of Reciprocity by the Canadian electors, and from the ill-nature he displayed during this portion of his speech, there is no doubt whatever that he feels his defeat very keenly and is greatly annoyed at being driven from power. Sir Wilfrid is not yet convinced that the people of Canada have no desire for Reciprocity with the United States and they are particularly opposed to the vicious trade arrangement he would have made with that country had he not been compelled to go to the polls by Mr. Borden and his followers.

Great as Sir Wilfrid's anger is, however, he had not the assurance of the reverend editor of the Toronto Globe, who has been going about from state to state telling our southern neighbors that the people of Canada already regret their action in turning down the Reciprocity Pact. Sir Wilfrid is content with the assertion that prejudice and passion overcame the common sense of the people. Of course, the ex-Premier desired to make it plain that he sought only a commercial arrangement and was entirely opposed to Annexation. Sir Wilfrid might have spared himself this effort for he must know, as everybody else does, that a commercial arrangement with the United States ultimately means Annexation, which is the one thing that the people of the United States desire and which they will spare no effort to bring about.

If the object of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech was to separate the Quebec Conservatives from their party in other sections of Canada, it will prove a dire failure. Such an attack as he made on Tuesday last can have but one result—the consolidation of the party against a common enemy. The session of Parliament may be long, but the discussion of the questions raised by Sir Wilfrid, but this will be about the only result that will follow. The Conservatives today are stronger in Canada than at any time in its previous history, and united with them is a large and influential wing of the Liberal party, composed of men who are anxious to preserve British connection and willing to make any reasonable sacrifice that will prevent a rupture in Imperial relations.

Sir Wilfrid's view of the future of Canada is altogether too narrow. He has failed to realize the strength of Imperialistic sentiment in this country, just as he failed to correctly gauge public opinion on the question of Reciprocity. The majority of Canadians believe in the closer union of the various dominions of the Empire and see opportunities for increased trade development and greater prosperity than hitherto. Already the Gov-

ernment is moving in the direction of closer trade relations within the Empire and it would not be surprising if before the end of the year important announcements were made along these lines.

The trade of Canada is in no way threatened by the rejection of Reciprocity with the United States. The flow of immigration into the country will increase, as it has been doing year after year. New land will be broken, and the growing of wheat will go on. Our exports will be double what they now are within the next decade, notwithstanding that Laurier and his party are in opposition. A wise naval policy will be secured and Canada will be brought closer to the Mother land, while the two dominant races will dwell together in harmony and autonomy of the country, which Sir Wilfrid is on the full about, will not be disturbed. Sir Wilfrid is on the wrong tack when he appeals to race prejudice from the floors of the House of Commons.

## THE WAY OF THE WEST.

New Brunswick might well take a lesson from the Canadian West in the eminently practical and valuable accomplishment of boosting the Province and its resources. In this line the Western people are laps ahead of the East, although the resources of the Maritime Provinces are sufficiently varied and valuable to permit of a development as great as that of any equal area in the West. But the optimism and the booster are abroad, west of the Great Lakes. Not only do they take advantage of every opportunity to say good words for the West, but they also see to it that conditions and facts which are not favorable are not mentioned at all, or are so placed in the background as to escape attention.

There is a case in point in the manner in which Western newspapers have referred to the blizzards and extremely cold wave which swept over that section of the continent in the past few days. "Alberta bathing in warm sunshine and balmy winds," is the comforting phrase used by a Calgary paper to describe the effect of a "chinook" which swept the frost away from that section. And so it is all through the West; the prevailing idea seems to be to enlarge upon the advantages of the country and make light of the disadvantages.

There is an object lesson in this which might well be taken to heart in New Brunswick. "This Province is undoubtedly on the eve of great development. Let us try the way of the West. Boost!"

New Brunswickers, generally, will be interested in the advertisement of a leading Montreal grocery firm, published in the local papers of that city, offering to sell New Brunswick potatoes, which they say "are generally acknowledged to be the best eating potatoes on the market today." As this firm prides themselves on the quality of the goods they offer for sale their endorsement of our tubers is important.

It is stated that Dr. Spooner, a celebrated British archaeologist, is about to marry Miss Emma Colton, an American lady who speaks fifty-four languages. Dr. Spooner is either a very brave man or he is unwise. Possibly he does not realize what a wife backed by fifty-four distinct vocabularies can say to him when he fails to come home before midnight.

Two imported English bloodhounds have been installed to guard Mr. John D. Rockefeller's riches on his estate at Greenwich, Conn. If the trust investigators of the United States had busied themselves with the Standard Oil Company twenty-five years ago, it is just possible that a skye terrier would have afforded ample security to John D. today.

## Current Comment

(Nelson Daily News.)

Eminently fitting was the selection of Hon. J. D. Hazen, Premier of New Brunswick, as Minister of Marine and Fisheries. He was born in a fisherman's family and reached one of the highest positions in the gift of his country. One month ago, in all probability, Mr. White would have traded his chances of being Finance Minister of Canada within that time for a silver dollar. Previous to the introduction of Reciprocity, Mr. White was a Liberal—one of the rank and file of the party. The campaign proved him to be a brilliant orator and a shrewd politician, just as his previous career had shown him to be an able financier.

(Ottawa Times.)

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(Moncton Times.)

Under Col. Sam Hughes the Militia Department appears to be in for a shaking up and the country is likely in future to get better value for the money spent. The Minister has called the attention of the official staff to items in the Auditor General's report and given them sharp notice that non-essentials will not be paid for in future. The indications are that the new Minister will be a real head of the department, and not merely an ornament, as Sir Fred Borden could be called such.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Members of the Opposition are early in the field with questions framed with the purpose of embarrassing the Government. But being an honest Government, the Borden Government cannot be embarrassed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues may in a short time have more worrying to do about the answering of questions than the Government will have. For the probe must be inserted into the misdoings of the late Government.

(Detroit News.)

Dr. Fritchett says Andrew Carnegie is now one of the happiest men in the world. If it will make the canny laird any happier by giving away any more of his worldly goods, we know of several persons who will not stand in the way of that increased happiness.

(Winnipeg Tribune.)

A \$5,000 bust of Sir Wilfrid has been ordered for the Chateau Laurier. Why not use the one that we read about on the night of September 21?

(Grand Rapids Press.)

China has a newspaper which is 1,000 years old, but doubtless there are a lot of people who know how to run it better than the editor does.

(Toronto News.)

From the manner in which Sir Wilfrid has started his occasional duties, it looks as if he had placed his sunny smile in cold storage.

(Winnipeg Telegram.)

At any rate, the Liberal minority in the Commons can be depended upon to make a noise like a real party.

## NEGRO ATTEMPTS OUTRAGE ON WOMAN

Attacked Wife of Coatesville Man but was Frightened by Approaching Carriage - Police in Pursuit.

Coatesville, Pa., Nov. 21.—Another attempted outrage by a negro upon a white woman occurred here this afternoon and a posse headed by Chief of Police Umsted in pursuit of the man in the woods north of this place. The intended victim of the negro is Mrs. James Campbell, the wife of a mill worker of Coatesville.

Mrs. Campbell was walking along Chestnut avenue to the farm of her brother, Frank McCleese, and while going over Blackhorse Hill was attacked by the man. She fought him off and after he had twice thrown her to the ground, a carriage driven by Miss Johanna Irwin came into view and the negro was frightened off. He escaped into the woods.

Miss Irwin drove Mrs. Campbell into town, and the police were notified. Chief Umsted summoned several policemen and these with some citizens immediately set out to find the negro.

## Prize-Winners.

The judges of the Temple Fair guessing contest last night decided the various winners as follows: Cent jar, 255 cents, Guy Cameron; Bean jar, 1,558 beans, S. A. Williams; Potato Barrel, 465 potatoes, Wm. Sprague.

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**DON'T WANT SAMUEL GOMPERS' WITHDRAWAL**

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 21.—Refusal of the resolutions committee to concur in a resolution that Samuel Gompers and several officials of the American Federation of Labor be compelled to withdraw from the national civic federation, precipitated the expected test in the labor organizations convention today.

Protagonists of the resolution attacked Andrew Carnegie and other officials members of the civic federation. Vice-President John Mitchell sprang a sensation on the convention floor today when he made the charge that the Columbus convention of the United Mine Workers, which passed a resolution directing delegates to request the resignation of federation officials who were officials of the national civic federation, was packed with delegates who did not belong there.

The chief justice delivered judgment in the case of McDonald vs. McDonald. This suit was argued in Moncton, August 25th last. V. B. Chandler, K. C., appearing for the plaintiff, and M. G. Teed, K. C., and Albert E. Riley for the defendant. Judgment was in favor of the plaintiff, and a decree ordered that the defendants be liable to account to the plaintiff for the moneys received by the sale of the real estate of the property. A reference was also ordered to report what that amount is and also the names of the creditors and the amount of the respective claims. All other questions reserved until after the report.

**Police Court.**

Walter Hirm, aged 32, was arraigned before the police magistrate yesterday morning on a charge of causing a disturbance on the public streets.

Sgt. Campbell in his evidence stated that he has been following one woman to Broad street since the 9th inst. The prisoner was remanded to be examined as to his sanity.

James Tuffa, drunk, was remanded, and Joseph Lavender was fined \$4 for drunkenness.

Daniel Coughlin has been reported for lying and lurking in the I. C. R. station on several days.

Walter G. Van Buskirk, who was arrested some days ago, charged with obtaining money under false pretences was before the police court yesterday afternoon.

**SCHOONER HEROINE WRECKED—FOUR DEAD**

Burgoe, Nfld., Nov. 21.—A message received here today from Port Aux Basques announces the loss of the schooner Heroine and her crew of four men. The Heroine, while bound from Sydney, C. B., to Burgoe with coal, ran into a gale which drove her on the rocks at Fox Roost, one mile east of Port Aux Basques yesterday.

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