He Wants a Change.

A Conservative President Resolves to Support Hon. Wilfrid Laurier.

Good Reasons for a Change of Government at Ottawa.

Cornwall, May 9.—There is quite a commotion in the Conservative ranks owing to the withdrawal of ex-Mayor A. F. Mulhern, president of the Conservative Association of Cornwall and Stormont. Mr. Mulhern was the organizer of the Conservative Association here, and his loss to the Tory party will be keenly felt. He addresses the following letter to the local press of today's issue:

"To the Executive of the Conservative Association of Cornwall and Stormont:

"Gentlemen,—I hereby tender my resignation as president of the Conservative Association of Cornwall and Stormont, and also desire to state that I have decided to withdraw from the Conservative party. I feel that I should express to my many warm friends in the Conservative ranks in Cornwall and Stormont my appreciation and gratitude to them for their many kindnesses and loyalty to me while president of the association. Before deciding to retire from the party I have given the matter full and deliberate consideration, and I have come to the conclusion that I cannot, consistently with the views I now hold, indorse the policy of the Conservative party as developed during the last session of Parliament. Sir Mackenzie Bowell having been treated most unfairly by the men who are now accepted as the leaders to fill the positions of the great statesmen, the late Sir John Macdonald and the late Sir John Thompson. I feel it would be subordinating my common sense and intelligence if I supported them in the coming campaign. For years I have stood by the Conservative cause, while not at all times in accord with their policy; but rather than accept the plank in the Liberal platform of unrestricted reciprocity or commercial union with the United States, I assisted in my humble way in opposing that plank in their platform, and which platform, and which question were unequivocally repudiated by the people of Canada at the polls, they being uncompromisingly hostile to any policy that savors of unpatriotic influence in the relationship which unites us to the motherland. The Liberals have, as I understand, wisely accepted the verdict, and the question of unrestricted reciprocity or commercial union has disappeared from the arena of practical politics. Now that the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier has declared openly for the readjustment of the tariff upon wise and conservative lines, and not with the view of destroying the industries of the country, and believing that the commonsense of the people is strongly in favor of a purer and more economical administration in the expenditure of the people's money, and that they will not support any further additions to the national debt of Canada (which is now at the limit line) by such financing as the Curran bridge, Soulanges Canal, etc., etc., I now throw in my lot with the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, believing he will administer the affairs of the country with wisdom, honesty, and patriotism, and will advocate a strong vigorous immigration policy, which may be the means of populating our western provinces, and bringing back some return to the people of Canada for the millions they have already spent in opening out the fertile country. This will certainly be a great means of stimulating and assisting the prosperity of our manufacturing industries in the east.

"I furthermore believe that the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier will make every effort to secure reciprocity treaties upon fair terms with all nations, which will largely assist in expanding the trade of the Dominion, and place us in line with the motherland, whose tremendous trade today is the envy and jealousy of the civilized world.

"Believe me, your obedient servant,
A. F. MULHERN."

Western Ontario.

Latest Happenings in this Section of the Province.

Elopement of a 13-Year Old Girl With an Indian—Other District News.

The average salary of West Huron teachers is $338 74, and the average cost per pupil per year is $9 98.

Potatoes are selling at 8 cents a bag in Hillsburg, Wellington county, the lowest ever known in the section.

Tilbury North assessment roll this year shows a population of only 2,100—a decrease of 164 from last year.

A little child of Hugh McKenacher was struck by a train at Paisley the other day and luckily hurled from the track without much injury. The mother was so shocked by the sight that she fainted.

George Nichol, of Seaforth, who has been an inmate of the Huron House of Refuge for several months, and was recently left about $500 by his brother, has left, and has gone to Seaforth to reside.

The Watford merchants are falling into line with other towns in the matter of early closing, and commencing on Monday last, close their places of business at 7:30 p.m., except on Saturdays and evenings before holidays.

In Waterloo county last year 173 teachers were employed; 53 students attended the county model schools, and of these 14 failed. Last summer 213 pupils from the various schools were successful at the entrance examinations; 174 failed to pass.

The assessment roll of Hullett township, Huron county, shows values and statistics as follows: Real property, $1,992,250; personal property, $4,400; income, $1,200; population, 2,813; number of cattle, 6,834; sheep, 2,842; hogs, 2,326; horses, 1,811; dogs, 347; acres of fall wheat, 3,336.

The large storehouse of George H. Mullins, at Sombra, together with about 5,000 bushels of grain therein, and a freight car on the track, were destroyed by fire about 1 o'clock on Wednesday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. The contents were partly insured.

On Wednesday evening, May 6, Rev. S. Salton, of Watford, gave a very instructive lecture before the second line Warwick Epworth League. Subject: "William the Silent, Prince of Orange." There was a good audience, and a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the reverend gentleman.

The Windsor corporation's trouble with the Bank of Commerce seems to be abridged at present, and the bank is again honoring the city checks. The reason for the bank doing this is that the city has paid in some of the uncollected taxes, and as long as the amount lasts the bank will pay the checks.

At the fourth meeting of the official board of the Amherstburg Methodist Church the following resolution was moved by Dr. D. A. Maxwell and carried unanimously: That this meeting desires to place on record its high appreciation of the ministerial services and Christian character of Rev. J. S. Allin during his pastorate of the past three years.

Faith, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Knight, of Galt, eloped Wednesday night with her father's hired man, named Hope. They were traced to Preston, and from there to Berlin. The flying lovers were seen footing it towards Petersburg from Berlin Thursday. Later the two were arrested on the Petersburg road. The Indian was remanded for a week. He is 25 years old.

Mr. John Livingstone, of Listowel, brother of Dr. Livingstone, the great African explorer, was a passenger by the Atlantic express yesterday, returning home from Seattle, where he has been spending six months with his son. He is a gentleman of medium height, moderately stout, and apparently some 80 years of age. He was met at the railway station by Mr. J. T. Huggard, an old friend.—Winnipeg Free Press.

The assessor of McKillop township, Huron county, has completed his duties, and from the roll is gathered the following interesting statistics: Cleared land, 40,817 acres; assessed value, $1,834,300; statute labor, 3,841 days; number of persons, 2,700; cattle, 5,959; seep, 2,565; hogs, 1,751; horses, 1,807; acres of fall wheat, 3,502; number of names on roll as voters, 848. While there are more voters than last year, there are about 400 fewer inhabitants.

A lighted paper tossed into the refuse from the Ingersoll gas works nearly caused the destruction of that place Thursday afternoon and created widespread alarm about town, hundreds gathering in the vicinity of the fire. Three or four streams of water were applied to the burning mass, and in a short time the fire was extinguished. No damage of any consequence resulted. The fire originated by a youngster throwing a lighted paper into the oil to see if it would burn.

Re Stonehouse and Township of Plympton.—Aylesworth, Q.C., and A. E. Shaunessy (Petrolea) for Joseph Stonehouse moved to quash bylaw No. 3 of 1895, of the corporation of the township of Plympton, being a bylaw to provide for the repairing and deepening of the Stonehouse drain, on the ground that the proposed work is not authorized by the statute, and is ultra vires of the corporation, and upon other grounds. Shepley, Q.C., and Cowan (Sarnia), for the corporation, showed cause. Order made quashing bylaw with costs.

Another Scene

In the Methodist Conference on the Woman Question.

Shouting and Confusion Marked the Proceedings.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 9.—The woman question came up again in the M. E. Conference yesterday, and caused a great deal of trouble, both to delegates and to Bishop Hurst. Mr. Morris Sharp, of Ohio, presented a resolution to excuse the women delegates, in that they have relinquished their seats and that their expenses be paid to the date of their withdrawal. The resolution also called in their male reserves. Dr. Nely, of Philadelphia, presented a substitute, in which the women were invited to remain as honored guests of the conference and their expenses ordered paid. Dr. Cranston rose and asked for a ruling by the chair as to the present status of the women in the conference.

Bishop Hurst, presiding, decided it was not a point of order, but was a matter of interpretation for the body, and ruled that Dr. Neeley had the floor.

Dr. Frysinger, of Pennsylvania, appealed from the decision of the chair on Dr. Cranston's point. Bishop Hurst put the question as being on the appeal of Dr. Cranston, and great confusion existed. A motion to lay the entire matter over on the table was lost by a vote of 218 nays to 109 yeas. Dr. Kynett raised the point of order that the question had been improperly put, but Bishop Hurst held that Dr. Neeley had the floor, and Dr. Kynett appealed.

Bishop Hurst declined to entertain the appeal, and a dozen men were on the floor shouting for recognition. Bishop Hurst declined to recognize anyone, but pounded with his gavel and shouted: "Dr Neeley has the floor." Dr. Leonard, Dr. Chaffee, and others loudly insisted on the appeal being put.

Bishop Hurst pounded until he broke his gavel. Dr. Frysinger insisted on the appeal being put, and in this he was joined by the entire conference. Shouts to put the appeal almost drowned out the bishop's voice, and the utmost confusion reigned.

Dr. Frysinger leaped to his feet and said if he would not be given the right to appeal he would resign. Dr. Neeley made himself heard above the din, and said he desired to withdraw his paper. Bishop Hurst could not permit this, and the din continued.

In the midst of intense excitement the vote on the appeal was taken. The ruling of Bishop Hurst was sustained by a vote of 223 years and 204 nays. As soon as it was decided that the papers were before the house, Dr. Neeley and Mr. Sharp both withdrew their papers.

FARMERS IN BAD CONDITION.

Kingston, Ont., May 9.—A great number of cattle hereabouts have died from starvation during the past winter and this spring. A light crop of hay was harvested last fall, not sufficient to tide the stock over the winter, and many farmers were unable to purchase the commodity for their cattle, as it is sold as high as $18 a ton. The consequence was that many cattle died from starvation, and many more were killed. Farmers are behind in their taxes and the collectors say it is not worth while seizing stock on account of poor condition.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron states: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than a half-bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

Mysteries of Black Magic.

Startling Story by a Pupil of Lord Lytton's—Was It a Spook or What?—Grapes Grow On a Walking Stick.

In Borderland for this quarter there is published in the Gallery of Borderlanders some fragments from the "Autobiography of a Magician," signing himself "Tantriadelto," which is one of the most startling stories of sensation that has appeared for many a long day. The author, who is personally known to me, vouches for the absolute accuracy of his statements—they are of a character that no one else could possibly vouch for. They deal with the phenomenon of the double, the mysteries of Obeahism, the art of rain-making, the marvels of Indian fakirs, the wonders of hypnotic adventure, and some astounding tricks of Mr. Jacob, of Simla, who is reputed to be the original of Mr. Crawford's "Mr. Isaacs." Baron Munchausen himself could hardly outdo the veracious narrative of this marvelous Mage.

LORD LYTTON'S DOUBLE.

Here, for instance, is his story of his initiation by Lord Lytton. He had previously had strange experiences in exchanging souls and observing doubles, so that he was well disposed to become a pupil of Lord Lytton. When he first met the author of "Zanoni," he did some crystal-gazing, after which he agreed to study magic under Lytton's guidance. "Three nights from this," said Lord Lytton, "I will call upon you."

"On the third evening I never left my rooms after dinner, but lit up my pipe and remained anxiously awaiting Sir Edward's arrival. Hour after hour passed, but no visitor, and I determined to sit up all night, if need be, feeling that he would come.

"He did! but not in the way I expected. I happened to look up from the book which I was vainly attempting to read, and my glance fell upon the empty armchair on the other side of the fireplace. Was I dreaming, or did I actually see a filmy form, scarcely more than a shadow, apparently seated there. I awaited developments and watched. Second by second the film grew more dense until it became something like Sir Edward. I knew then that it was all right, and sat still as the form grew more and more distinct, until at last it was apparently the master himself sitting opposite to me—alive and in propria persona. I instantly rose to shake hands with him, but as I got within touching distance he vanished instantly. I knew then that it was only some variety of Scin-Loeca that I had seen. It was my first experience of this, and I stood there in doubt what to do. Just then his voice whispered close to my ear, so that I even felt his warm breath, 'Come.' I turned sharply round, but, of course, no one was there.

"I instantly put on my hat and great coat to go to his hotel, but when I got to the corner of the first street, down which I should turn to go there, his voice said, 'Straight on.' Of course, I obeyed implicitly. In a few minutes more, 'Cross over,' and, so guided, I came where he was. Where matters not, but it was certainly one of the last places in which I should have expected to find him.

"I entered, he was standing in the middle of the sacred pentagon, which he had drawn upon the floor with red chalk, and holding in his extended right arm the baguette which was pointed towards me. Standing thus, he asked me if I had duly considered the matter, and decided to enter upon the course. I replied that my mind was made up. He then and there administered to me the oaths of a neophyte of the Hermetic Lodge of Alexandria—the oaths of obedience and secrecy. It is self-evident that any further account of my experiences with Lord Lytton, or in Hermetic circles, is impossible."

I have only room for one of his stories, that describing his experience with Mr. Jacob, of Simla. He was invited to dine with Mr. Jacob one evening with a well-known general, and had driven over from his bungalow, a distance of three-quarters of a mile.

GRAPES GROWN ON A WALKING-STICK.

"After dinner, when they were smoking, our host was asked by the general to show us some, what he called 'tricks.' I could see that Jacob didn't like the word, but he simply said, 'Yes, I will show you a trick.' Then he told a servant to bring in all the sahibs' walking-sticks. Selecting one, a thick grape-vine stick with a silver band, he said, 'Whose is this?' It was claimed by the general, and a glass bowl of water, similar to those in which gold-fish are kept, was placed on the table. Mr. Jacob then simply stood the stick on its knob in the water and held it upright for a few moments. Then we saw scores of shoots like rootlets issuing from the knob till they filled the bowl and held the stick upright; Jacob standing over it muttering all the time. In a few minutes more a continuous crackling sound was heard, and shoots, young twigs, began rapidly putting forth from the upper part of the stick. These grew and grew; they became clothed with leaves, and flowered before our eyes. The flowers became changed to small bunches of grapes, and in ten minutes from the commencement a fine, healthy standard vine loaded with bunches of ripe, black Hamburgs stood before us. A servant carried it round, and we all helped ourselves to the fruit.

"I struck me at the time that this might only be some (to me new) form of hypnotic delusion. So, while eating my bunch, I carefully transferred half of it to my pocket, to see if they were there the next day.

"When the tree was replaced on the table Jacob ordered it to be covered with a sheet, and in a few minutes there was nothing there but the general's stick, apparently none the worse for its vicissitudes.

INSTANT TRANSPORTATION THROUGH SPACE.

"Many other equally interesting examples of psychic force were given, until the time came for us to break up, when Mr. Jacob requested a few words privately with me before we left. I followed him out to the veranda, and we spoke on occult subjects for a few minutes, and then he said to me: 'I will give you a special experience, which will give you something to think about.' Just what I wanted!

"He said, 'Shut your eyes and imagine that you are in your bedroom in your bungalow.' I did so. He said, 'Now open your eyes.' I opened them to find that I was in my bedroom—three-quarters of a mile in two seconds! He said, 'Now shut them again, and we will rejoin our friends.' But I wouldn't have that at any price; because the idea of hypnotic delusion was still present to my mind; and, if it were so, I wanted to see how he would get over the dilemma.

"He did not try to persuade me, but only laughed, saying, 'Well, if you will not, then good-bye,' and he was gone. I instantly looked at my watch, as I had done in his veranda at the commencement of the experiment, and two minutes had barely elapsed.

THE HORSE AND CART ALSO LEVITATED!

"I walked straight out of my bedroom to the dining-room, where both my friends were sitting. They stared and wanted to know 'How the deuce I got there?' So I sat down and told them all that occurred. The doctor said, 'Let us see the grapes.' I felt in my pocket, and they were there all right, and passed them to him. He turned them over very suspiciously, smelt of them, and finally tasted one. 'They're the real thing, my boy; genuine English black Hamburgs,' he said, and proceeded to devour the lot. Then the captain said, 'But where's the tat?' I replied that I had forgotten all about it; I supposed that he had better send for it. Calling a servant he told him to go to the stables and send a syce up to Sahib Jacob's bungalow for the tat. In a few minutes the bearer returned with the syce, who said that the tat was at that moment safe in his own stable. We stared at one another, and then went to see for ourselves. Sure enough he was there."

The writer of this amazing narrative says that his only defect is want of imagination. He can only describe what he has seen. It would appear that if he has seen so much it leaves no room for imagination to play.

The Generals of Great Britain.

In the event of war Great Britain might be able in a month or six weeks to prepare for service an army corps of a strength of about 35,000 men, with about 4,500 additional troops to protect the line of communication. This body would consist, to a great extent, of reservists, who would no doubt readily return to her colors in compliance with the mobilization order, but of whom a large proportion would be more or less rusty. A second army corps might be gradually mobilized in the course of a couple of months later, but its composition would be somewhat miscellaneous.

It would remain to be seen in whom among the superior officers would be vested with the principal commands in the field. If precedents were to be regarded the present commander-in-chief would remain at his post in Pall Mall. Lord Hardinge, a soldier of exceptionally varied active service, was commander-in-chief from 1853 until the virtual end of the Crimean war. That he was an abler soldier than any of the successive commanders in that war is unquestionable, and it may be assumed that Lord Wolseley would follow the precedent.

In that event the first expeditionary army corps would probably be commanded by Lord Roberts, with Lieutenant-General E. F. Chapman as his chief of staff, the divisional commanders being Lieutenant-General Sir Redvers Buller, Sir R. Harrison, and Sir A. A. J. Lyon Freemantle, Major-General G. Luck commanding the cavalry division.

The command of the second army corps, when mobilized, would probably be assigned to General H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, with Lieutenant-General Sir Evelyn Wood as chief of staff. Its divisional commanders might be selected from a list comprising Lieutenants-General Stevenson, Sir H. Brackenbury, Davis, Markham, Goodenough, etc.—Archibald Forbes.

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