

## SIR OLIVER MOWAT

The Letter Conveying His Consent to an Alliance With Hon. Mr. Laurier.

Ready to Sacrifice a Great Deal to Advance the Cause of Liberalism.

Following is the letter of Sir Oliver Mowat to Mr. Laurier, giving his consent to an alliance with the latter in Dominion politics.

Toronto, May 2.

My Dear Mr. Laurier—When the first application was made to me some weeks ago to give up my position as premier of Ontario and become a candidate for a seat in the House of Commons, with a view to accepting a position in the Dominion Reform government, which is confidently expected to follow the general elections, the proposal seemed to me to be out of the question, there being in parliament under your leadership many able men, and the general election being likely to add to their number. I disliked what was proposed; because, first of all, it involved severing my connection with North Oxford, which has stood by me at so many elections, and where I have so many esteemed personal friends.

Then, again, no position which practically could be assigned to me in the Dominion government would be equal in popular estimation to my own in Canada's greatest province, and these reasons were of great importance to me to forbid me making the change suggested. One of these was that the assumption of duties in a new field would involve an increase of work and worry, when a public man, nearly 76 years of age, however full of health and strength he may be, might reasonably be looking for less work and less worry rather than voluntarily taking upon himself more. While I am now abundantly equal to my present duties, and my medical adviser tells me if I do not take too much upon me I may look forward to years yet of active life, it seemed to me that I could not count as nothing the addition of a contested election in a new constituency, and the crisis in annual sessions of parliament twice as long as in Ontario and with much later hours. To remove to some extent this objection it has been suggested that I might take a seat in the senate instead of the house of commons, and the advantages of this, both as regards myself personally, and as regards the consideration of future constitutional changes which would add to the usefulness of that body, assuming that the second chamber for the Dominion is to be retained.

How the second chamber, consisting so largely of the nominees of one party, as the senate now does, can be just to a new government of another party remains to be seen, and the necessity of early constitutional changes may depend on this.

Besides, my correspondence with yourself and my personal interview with you, I have during the last few weeks had many communications from you, and conversations with other representative Liberals, and it has been made plain to me that it is the general opinion of the party to whose favor and confidence are owing my 23 years' premiership of Ontario, and the crisis so grave that every personal sacrifice has to be made, and every incidental risk run if the country is to be rescued from misgovernment which the Dominion has so long been suffering from.

From the reasons laid before me, I perceive that my long experience and my success in official life in this province are thought to be a guarantee that I could render useful service in the new government and parliament of the Dominion. I feel I have to consider the matter in the light of these opinions; I am happy to know that you and I are, and I believe have always been, in substantial accord as regards Dominion questions. Our national origin is not the same, our religious creeds are different, but we are both of Canadian birth. We both love Canada and the empire, and we rejoice in our British connections; we both desire the prosperity of Canada and the well-being of all classes of her people, and we are in agreement as to the best means of securing these objects; we are, I believe, at one with respect to the tariff. I think with you the introduction of a protective system was a mistake on that part of our people, and you, like myself, are a reformer and not a revolutionist, and you recognize the necessity of legislation on the tariff being gradual and cautious. Adopting that policy I am glad you see your way means to change that which will be a relief to our farmers and at the same time not of injurious effect, but rather a benefit to the manufacturers and their workmen.

A government owes a duty to all classes of people. I quite see the one difficulty in legislation on the subject, in fact considerable capital has been invested in manufacturing on the faith of the system which our people unfortunately have sanctioned for eighteen years, and it would not be abrogated hastily or without due regard to the interests which have arisen under that system.

I quite see also the difficulty of legislation in other matters, and the enormous debt which the present government has created during the last eighteen years, and the large revenue which is needed for the payment of the annual charges incident to the debt.

Almost every year millions have been added to our liabilities, while hundreds of thousands of dollars of the people's money have been going into the election fund of the party, and still more have been wasted by extras and by indifference, incompetence or worse.

The Manitoba school question will occupy a good deal of attention during the elections. In the light of past events I should not despair of the question being settled in a manner acceptable to reasonable people in Manitoba, and reasonable Catholics of the Dominion. My opinion in regard to it and that of the Liberals of the Ontario legislature, was expressed in a resolution passed on the subject during our last session. We have had in Ontario questions of

various kinds which seemed as difficult of solution as this question is, and they have been dealt with by the Ontario legislature satisfactorily.

On these questions, and on most others, as intelligent Conservatives now agree with Reformers, whether they will vote for Reform candidates or not, if the reform platform were less acceptable than it is to intelligent and independent minded non-reformers, the scandals which have come to light afford more than sufficient ground for all men to condemn and join in displacing all the men who were parties to these scandals, whatever they arose from.

In view of all such facts, it is plain to many Conservatives that the usefulness of the Conservative government under its present leaders, is gone, and that a few years in opposition would do the party and country good. I venture in the interest of Canada, I desire greatly to see the government in power under your leadership, being confident that it would be a good government, honest and economical, thoughtful with respect to every province, and to all classes of the people, giving to all their just rights, and promoting harmony and good will everywhere.

It would be an honor to assist you in this patriotic work, in deference to your opinion, and that of so many other representatives of Liberals, I have made up my mind to forego all considerations of a personal kind to the contrary, and join you in what will be the second reform government since confederation, if such should continue to be your wish. We all recognize the merits of the first reform government, of which the pure minded Alexander Mackenzie was leader, and which, unfortunately for the country, hard times overthrew in 1878. Permit me to say that, in common with my fellow Liberals throughout Canada, and in the commons, also with many candid Conservatives, I have the same confidence in you as we had in Mackenzie, and in the interest of the country I trust you will have a much longer term of the political power for the good of the people of Canada than fell to the lot of our lamented friend.

Very faithfully yours,  
O. MOWAT.

## THE CASE OF LOUIS STERN.

Many Sharp Practices Noticeable in the Diplomatic Correspondence.

Washington, May 9.—Some special correspondence passed last summer between Secretary Olney and the German ambassador at Washington City, Baron Thielmann, growing out of the harsh treatment accorded to a New York business man, Louis Stern, by the Bavarian authorities, and while the case was not of great importance, it seemed for a time to put a strain on the relations all around. As was shown at the time, Mr. Stern was at Kissingen and resented what he regarded as insolence exhibited by a petty official of the Kissingen baths, and was arrested therefor, sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment and fined 600 marks. The case was terminated by the forfeiture of the excessive bail of 80,000 marks exacted from Mr. Stern by the Bavarian government and the refusal of Mr. Stern to return to Germany to serve his sentence.

From the beginning the state department exerted itself with great vigor, first, to insure justice to Mr. Stern, and after the sentence to secure clemency for him. In the course of the matter, Secretary Olney addressed a note to Baron Thielmann, the German ambassador here, in which he said that the proceedings against Stern seem to have been gratuitous and undeservedly onerous from the beginning, and the possibility of excessive bail, then the final sentence, which added to the fine the humiliation of personal imprisonment. From the latter Mr. Olney held Stern should be relieved, and in no possible view of his case could such punishment be justified. Mr. Olney received the following note from the ambassador, dated Lenox, Mass., October 1 last:

"Mr. Secretary of State: I have the honor to respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your note, No. 42, of Sept. 26th ult., with regard to the case of the American citizen, Louis Stern, at Kissingen. In reply to the views contained in your note, I hasten to say that I regret highly the unjustified and excessive criticism of the justice in the Stern case at Kissingen. Especially must I decline to see the administration of justice within a state of the German Federal Union, and the right of pardon which belongs to the princes of the German Federal Union, discussed in this way and treated in the form of a diplomatic claim. So far as the United States government desires to approach the government of his majesty, the German Emperor, in this matter, I have out of it citizens, it must be left to it (the United States government) to make such approach through the U. S. ambassador at Berlin. Thielmann."

Said Secretary Olney in reply: "It only remains to notice the suggestion, pressed with quite unnecessary curtness, that a diplomatic claim was involved, which, therefore, should have been presented to the imperial government through the United States ambassador at Berlin. This proposition will not bear examination, unless, indeed, as is wholly improbable, the powers of the representative of the government at this capital are subject to novel and unknown limitations. The correspondence closed in this personal feature with a note from the German ambassador formally stating that the imperial government receives complaints and suggestions from friendly governments only when they are conveyed by the diplomatic representatives of such governments accredited to it."

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## CIGARETTES BARRED

Consternation Caused by an Anti-Smoking Order to the Czarina's Ladies.

Marquis of Donegal in Difficulties—An Organ-Grinding Viscount Cut Off.

London, May 9.—St. Petersburg society is agitated by the Czarina's orders forbidding her ladies, and women servants from smoking in the palace. As they are all habitual smokers the edict has caused a great sensation and is impeding the Czarina's popularity.

The Marquis of Donegal, who is "hereditary high admiral of Lough Neagh," is in the bankrupt court, with liabilities estimated at £519,000. His assets thus far are £123,000. Lord Durham sold his estates from which he derived an income of about £70,000, to Sir James Joyce, a wealthy north country coal owner, who for years had been a gold mine for the Liberal party, and in whose interests he represents one of the divisions of Durham in the commons. Sir James is also principal proprietor of the Newcastle Leader, and is said to have invested £200,000 in the paper. Some time ago he purchased the Ulgham estate from the Earl of Carlisle, the property consisting of an extensive village and a number of farms. At the time of the purchase the transaction was pointed out as being another instance of the passing of the territorial possessions of feudal owners into the hands of wealthy men of business.

On the other hand a receiving order has been issued against Earl Poulett, father of the notorious Viscount Hinton, who for years tried to shame the family into supporting him in idleness by playing a hand organ in the streets.

What is reported in the newspapers about a year ago, the Viscount was acting as showman for a kitescope near Leather Lane, Holborn. He said that the organ-grinding permanently crippled his right arm, and that he greatly preferred the occupation of playing a hand organ to the life of a peer. In 1877, when Sir John Poulett, an earnest Royalist, was created Baron Poulett, and the earldom was created in 1706. The Hinton family estate covers about 1,000 acres of ground, many treasures, including a £10,000 Van Dyck, offered for sale at £60,000, the value valued at £3,000,000. It is believed that proceedings will be taken to prevent the organ-grinder, viscount from inheriting the heirlooms.

Enormous sums were realized at the sale of jewels and plate at Christie's on Thursday last, including £8,000 for a Burman ruby, £11,000 for a black pearl, which formerly belonged to Elizabeth, Isabella, and a collection of snuff boxes sold on Tuesday brought £15,000.

Mr. H. J. Tennant, member of parliament for Berwickshire, in the Liberal interest, and brother of Mrs. Henry Asquith, formerly married Tennant, and said to be the original "Dodo," is to be married shortly to Miss Mary Abraham, chief lady inspector of factories. Their engagement is quite in the nature of a romance. Mr. Tennant first met Miss Asquith during the course of his official duties as secretary to her brother-in-law, Mr. Henry Asquith, then home secretary. She is tall, with beautiful black eyes, and is about 26 years of age.

It is not likely that the young Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, who spoke a portion of the summer at Newport. The couple are making extensive arrangements for the entertainment of large house parties at Blenheim at the conclusion of the London season. Recently the traffic inspector of the Great Western railway was summoned to Blenheim and asked to introduce a special service on the branch line running there for the convenience of these guests. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough will entertain largely in London during the season, and the Duchess, with Princess Louise, will attend Fordingbury agricultural show. The Duke and Duchess will be at Henley when the regatta week begins.

## CREATED A SENSATION.

A Lady's Queer Action in a Hamilton Theatre.

In the Grand Opera House last evening when the lights were turned low during the singing of the policemen's chorus in the second act a lady in the centre of a row of seats near the front of the house suddenly stood up, and pointing what looked like a revolver at the "bobbies" on the stage, she pulled the trigger before anyone could prevent her. Owing to the lights being turned down at the time, only those around her saw what occurred, though the whole house heard the snap of the lock. R. B. Harris, who sat behind her, bravely disarmed the fair shooter, when it was found that the weapon was nothing more deadly than a nickel-plated toy pistol. The affair created quite a scare for a few minutes among those seated about that part of the house. Subsequently while in her seat and on the way out Miss Simpson (for that was her name) several times clicked another pistol which she apparently had in her pocket. It is not known whether her action was intended as a joke or that the romantic and thrilling plot of the pirates so strongly wrought upon her imagination and sympathies that she was quite carried away with the reality of the representation. But why she should want to shoot the poor, trembling bobbies, instead of the bold, bad pirates is not explainable, unless she wanted to get the drop on Tommy Hayhurst.

It is proposed to boom Bob Harris for the Royal Humane Society medal, awarded for exhibitions of presence of mind and distinguished gallantry. To a reporter who inquired of Miss Simpson what she had pointed the pistol at Private Hayhurst, G. M., the sergeant of the police simply to lend effect to the song "A Policeman's Lot Is Not a Happy One." There were no ladies on the stage at the time," explained Miss Simpson, "and I thought Private Hayhurst's nerves could stand

it, and if he could shoot behind him could, and it would add to the effect. There was no cap on the pistol, because I thought it might startle the people if there was any explosion. The pistol is one of those small children's toys that crack paper caps.—Hamilton Spectator.

## RUSSIA HAS A WORD TO SAY.

In Arranging the Much Disturbed Affairs of Troubled Corea.

Yokohama, May 9.—Negotiations are in progress between Japan and Russia looking to a joint action in Corea. The chief points under discussion are the position of the King to the palace from the Russian embassy, and Japan to have the disposal of the troops about the palace and the placing of the Korean telegraph system in the hands of the Japanese.

## THE PRINCE'S ERROR

Henry of Orleans Acknowledges and Becomes One of the French People.

For Which He is Reported to Have Come Under the Ban of the Duke of Orleans.

Paris, May 9.—Le Matin says that a rupture of the amicable relations between the Duke of Orleans and his cousin, Prince Henry of Orleans, is imminent, and that the Duke will publish a manifesto cutting off Prince Henry from the Orleans family and depriving him of the rank of a prince of the blood. Although the cause of the trouble is not stated, it has been an open secret for some time past that the Orleans family are displeased at the growing popularity in France of Prince Henry of Orleans, elder son of the Duke of Chartres, and cousin of the Duke of Orleans, pretender to the French throne. Prince Henry recently returned from an exploring trip in China and Thibet. The Prince and his party had discovered the source of the Mekong river, and the young traveller became prominent before the public. On March 9th last Prince Henry was decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor, and he made a speech acknowledging the existence of the republic. He was also presented with a gold medal by the French Geographical Society, and his utterances upon that occasion were much commented upon in fact they gave rise to a rumor that he might be a possible candidate for the presidency of the French Republic. Later, in a speech at a dinner given in honor of Count Albert Dedion, who was one of the late General Boulanger's warmest supporters, Prince Henry of Orleans said: "I have endeavored to remember two counsels given by my grandfather in his admirable will. Be passionate servants of the revolution and manage to get forgiven for being princes. I think I have obtained that pardon. In bestowing on me the cross which my father received from Gambetta, the government of the republic has given me, if not complete absolution, for we are still deprived of the rights of citizens, at least a partial pardon. You have kindly honored me in presenting me this decoration, which I highly value. In receiving me you have said to yourselves there was one Frenchman more among you, and you have clasped hands with a fellow countryman who has done his best to deserve well of his fatherland."

## MR. STRATHY'S MURDERER

Seeking a New Trial, and He Probably Will Succeed.

Toronto, May 9.—In the division court yesterday afternoon argument was heard for the granting of a new trial to Michael Brennan, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Mr. Strathy at Barrie. The appeal is based upon the ruling of the trial judge at the trial of Brennan, who directed the jury to disregard the question of manslaughter and bring in a verdict as to whether or not the prisoner was guilty of murder. Judgment was deferred, but it seems probable that Brennan will have another trial.

## ARBITRATION HAS FAILED

In the Milwaukee Strike—Other Labor Troubles Elsewhere.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 9.—The efforts of the common council to end the strike of the street railway employees has failed, and a special committee appointed to mediate has been discharged. About one hundred cars are being operated. Riotous demonstrations continue, cars are stoned, rails torn up and windows cut.

Butte, Mont., May 9.—Two hundred and fifty miners, comprising all the employees of the Rarus mines, struck on Thursday because the foreman resigned. A threat was made to hang the traitor, Gibbons. The union refused to take up the case, and the men are becoming desperate.

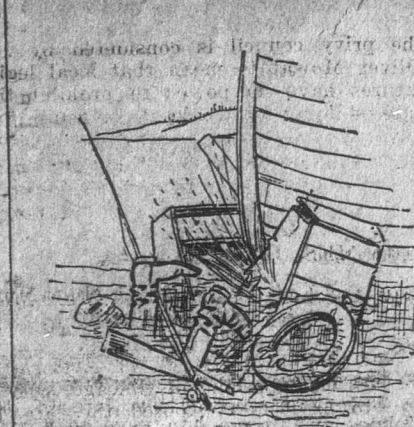
Kansas City, Mo., May 9.—It is stated here that on Monday next Swift & Co. will shut down their big packing plant at this point for an indefinite period on account of troubles which have existed for many months between the packing companies and those labor organizations which control the men in their employ.

## HE WANTS OTHERS TO KNOW.

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