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Sir Richard's London Speech.

The magnificent speech at London by Sir Richard Cartwright is being reproduced, in sections, in every part of the Dominion. As a few inaccuracies crept into the closing portions of the extended report, The Advertiser has taken the trouble to secure a corrected report of these portions. We would suggest that newspapers friendly to the Government reprint the extracts referred to, which appear in this issue. Sir Richard's revelations regarding the spotted ballots, especially, have made a profound impression.

Sir Charles Tupper on Trade Policy.

The Conservative leader told his hearers at Montreal that one of his objections to the discrimination in favor of Britain was that no British statesman had demanded that the tariff of Canada should be molded to suit the interests of the mother country. There was no need for him to make any such statement. We all know that the leading statesmen of Britain are wiser than Sir Charles Tupper. Britain having once given us the freedom to make our own tariff, would not make any demands about it. We are left to do the best for ourselves. Human nature being constituted as it is, any British statesman knows that if he would like to see any change in our tariff, demanding it would not be the likely way to get it. But everybody knows that the British preference given by the present Government has been received with enthusiastic gratitude by the press and by many leading men. Britain is so used to having to meet a high tariff wall, set up against her trade all over the world, that she was glad to see her eldest daughter leading the way to a more sensible policy.

Further, we maintain that we have not sacrificed Canadian to British interest; but in promoting trade between Canada and the motherland, we have sought our own best interests. It is not possible for such an arrangement to be one-sided. That which brings closer the commercial life of the two countries helps both. So that it is simply absurd for Sir Charles Tupper in this connection to talk about taking the bread out of the mouths of our own children to feed other people's children. We do not believe that our children would be benefited by a tax on the bread of Britain's poor, and we do not think that our children will be hurt by being able to buy cheaper goods from Britain. This, like his frantic outcry against Britain taxing self-governing colonies, is simply fighting a man of straw.

We join issue with his statement that the present action of the Dominion Government is hindering the great imperial and inter-colonial trade policy for which he pleads. If anything like that policy is ever in the future deemed expedient—at present it remains in the realm of mere academic discussion—the action of the present Dominion Government in drawing nearer to Britain of their own free will, will have helped it forward, not hindered. But at present the great merit of the Government's trade policy is precisely this, that it was not originated in reply to demands from Britain or elsewhere, but to embody the sentiment of our people, and to serve the interests of Canada and the Empire. That it has done, and will continue to do, with the approval of intelligent people.

It is noticeable that Hugh John Macdonald's friends are attempting to have him regarded as a serious politician, solely because of the great name of his father. But, as the Woodstock Sentinel-Review aptly points out, "We cannot run a country on the reputations of great men. The brains of living men are better working material."

Opposition Runs Wild.

The Opposition crusade against the preferential tariff, in favor of Great Britain, now in force in Canada, continues. Taking his cue from his leaders, who in Montreal declared that they would, if successful, re-establish the N. P. restrictions on trade, Mr. Blain, the Opposition candidate in Peel, on Saturday denounced Mr. Featherston, M. P., for voting in favor of the preferential policy, which, he said, had enormously reduced the duty on manufactured articles, and thus caused a reduction in the price of goods made in Canada, which would not be made otherwise. This declaration, of course, is at war with the contention of Mr. Foster, ex-Finance Minister, who asserts that the reduction on duties has been infinitesimal. It contradicts the contentions of Opposition candidates in Manitoba and the Northwest, who are asking that the Government shall be turned out because the reductions have been too small. But it reflects the disposition of the Opposition leaders, who are declaring in favor of the old policy of restriction, with its disastrous effects on all but the few favorite ones, who put up the election funds. It is, further, another strong

evidence of the absolute lack of unity in the Conservative ranks on the subject of the tariff and taxation. They have one policy for the East and another for the West. One policy for the city and another for the country. But they are united in Opposition to the preferential tariff, which is working so well in the promotion of trade between Canada and the motherland.

An Attack and an Invitation.

The Montreal Gazette, the leading Conservative organ in Quebec, says:

"Sir Charles Tupper is sometimes reproached by his opponents for dealing in ancient history, but it would be hard for him to surpass the recent achievement of the Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, who, in his address to the electors of Bothwell, reviewed the events of the last thirty-three years, and only reached the date 1896 in the closing paragraph of his speech. It was remarkable, too, that instead of speaking of what his own party had done, he gave almost all his attention to the alleged misdoings of the other fellows. The Riel rebellion and the Pacific scandal take up a great deal more room in the report than any of the issues of the last quarter of a century. Senator Mills is probably living in the past because he finds the atmosphere more congenial than it is in the present."

Our contemporary, we think, is unduly critical. It is true that the Minister of Justice, at the Liberal convention in Dresden, devoted some attention to the earlier history of the Dominion, and the issues which were decided in contests of the past. But it is not true that he only discussed the record of one of the political parties. Hon. Mr. Mills' address was eminently fair. It did recall certain events that the Gazette and its friends would like to forget, but in these days it is well to recall the past, as well as plan for the future, in order that the public mind may be kept properly instructed. Our voting population, we must remember, is continually changing.

We had not thought that the Gazette was so very anxious to know the views of the Minister of Justice on questions of the day, or we would have asked its editor to read, mark and inwardly digest the admirable address which Hon. Mr. Mills made at Ridgeway on the evening following the day when he spoke at Dresden, and which was printed in full in these columns. There in the Minister dwelt in a most effective and clear manner with the financial record of the present Government, and with the prospects of the country under a renewed term of office for the present Administration, of which there is every indication.

Instead of cavilling at the Dresden nomination address, made to a meeting of friends by Hon. Mr. Mills, if the Gazette were to take up and read the speech delivered by the same gentleman to a crowded audience in the Ridgeway Opera House, it might be pained by the diversion.

So far as we have observed, the strong case made in favor of the Government, of which he is a member, in the last referred to address, has not been successfully assailed by any Opposition newspaper or orator. This fact may have influenced the Gazette in making its comments on the historical address delivered by Mr. Mills at Dresden. We beg our contemporary to widen its vision, and refrain from being cantankerous in its criticism. The Minister of Justice has shown that he is both able and willing to give good reasons, from the experience of the past half-dozen years, for a continuation of public confidence in the Government of which he is an honored member.

Hon. Mr. Foster went into Simcoe county to denounce independence in politics, so as, if possible, to secure the defeat of Mr. McCarthy, M. P. The ex-Finance Minister has no use for independents. And it may be just as well to say that there is every evidence throughout the country that the independents have no use for the ex-Finance Minister.

First Prize Promiser.

"Give me office," cries Sir Charles Tupper, "and I will get for you a preference in the British markets." Is that the same Tupper that in 1878 pledged himself to get reciprocity from the United States within two years?—Toronto Globe.

It is the same individual, and despite his pledge when he left office 22 years later the reciprocity which he promised to get was found to be further off than ever. As a man who does not keep his promises the Opposition leader clearly takes the first prize. But he will keep on promising, recklessly promising, while he has a breath left.

Prosperous Canada.

At the recent annual meeting of the Bank of British North America, the chairman, in the course of an interesting speech, made the following remarks on the present prosperity of Canada:

"I have now occupied so much of your time by an explanation of what I may describe as our domestic interests that I can only briefly refer to the general conditions of trade and finance in the Dominion of Canada during the period under review. Canada has enjoyed another year of unusual prosperity, and during the fiscal year ended June 30 last the aggregate trade of the country amounted to \$356,000,000, an increase of about \$50,000,000 over that of the previous year, notwithstanding the fact that the aggregate trade for the year ended June, 1895, was greater than that of any that preceded it. If we carry the comparison back to 1896 we find that the present figures compare with a total of \$233,000,000—a very remarkable increase. I shall not be so unwise as to attempt to predict the future course of trade, but we must not forget that the success of agriculture is the mainstay of Canadian prosperity, and it is, therefore, interesting to know that in the Province of Ontario the prospects of agriculture

are unusually bright, and there appears to be little doubt that the harvest will be fully equal to the average, both in quantity and in quality."

Moral: Better leave well enough alone. Better have Laurier and continued prosperity, than Tupper and a return to the depressing conditions of 1896.

It is significant that at Barrie, when Sir Charles Tupper and his associates held forth, the audience became so restive that a special guard had to be detailed to keep them quiet while the Opposition leader harangued them.

Cheap Campaign Methods.

(Toronto Telegram, Conservative.)

A party's recommendation to the people should be the principles which it maintains, and the public service it has performed.

What earthly relation does the bust of Sir John A. Macdonald bear to the merits of the Conservative party's appeal to the country today? Sir John A. Macdonald's achievements stand to the credit of the party; his name will ever adorn the political history of the Dominion.

The benefits which Sir John A. Macdonald conferred upon the country can be emphasized and his great ability can receive recognition without resorting to the methods employed at the meeting in Massey Hall.

There is no good reason why the enthusiasm inspired by the unveiling of a bust of Sir John A. Macdonald should be exploited for the advantage of the party which is appealing to Canada under the auspices of Sir Charles Tupper. The exhibition of the bust was, under the circumstances, more ridiculous than sublime. There is a time for a party to honor a worthy name, and there is a time when it should present its credentials to the people whose confidence it asks.

The cause of the Conservative party is not so weak that it must seek to profit from such enthusiasm as the unveiling of a bust of Sir John A. Macdonald promotes. There is something cheap in the spectacular fashions displayed on Conservative platforms. They are unworthy a great party and an indignity to a great name.

PEARSON'S CONFESSION

Latest Details of the Waterdown Tragedy.

Opinion of the Coroner's Inquest—George Arthur Pearson's Record.

Hamilton, Sept. 25.—An inquest was opened yesterday morning by Coroner McGregor, of Waterdown, into the death of Annie Griffin, who was murdered by her lover, George Arthur Pearson, while out driving Sunday night. No evidence was taken, and the inquiry was adjourned till Wednesday, when County Crown Attorney Cramer will be present.

Pearson was brought before Magistrate Jess at the police court, but was not arraigned. Crown Attorney Cramer said he was held on suspicion of murder, and he was then taken to Barber street jail. When brought before the court, he was wearing a white coat, and when taken down to jail acted in a braggadocho manner.

THE CONFESSION.

Following is the prisoner's confession in effect: "Annie and I were madly in love with each other, but we knew we could not afford to get married, because I couldn't afford to keep a wife. We had been talking the matter over all day and decided that it would be easier and better to die together, than to live apart, and we made up our minds not to return to the Hamilton jail. When we reached the dark place in the road where I shot her, we pulled the horse to one side, and I placed the muzzle of the gun to her head and pulled the trigger twice, and she fell forward dead. I lifted her body out of the rig and on to the grass, and then started the horse off. I stayed with her and had the gun in my hand ready to complete the job by killing myself, when Farmer Sheppard drove up, and I became frightened and threw the gun away. It was my intention to return to the spot in the morning and find the gun and blow my own brains out, but the constables spotted that. Yes, I'm the party who did the shooting."

THEORY OF THE POLICE.

The police have no doubt that Pearson is the murderer, but suspect another motive than that he wished to die with the girl. They believe he made improper proposals to the girl, and when she resented and threatened to expose him, he killed her. It is said he has been in trouble over young women before, and twice previously threatened to shoot a girl with whom he had been keeping company.

Pearson comes from a bad family, composed of three boys and one girl, all of whom have been before the magistrates on different charges.

HIS "DONE TIME."

Pearson, when twelve years old was sentenced to four years in the Mimico Industrial School for robbery. Since he came out he has not figured in court, and up till now it was thought he was leading a respectable life. He worked for butchers in the Central Market up to a few months ago, when he went to work for Mr. Lampman. His father runs an electric battery in the Central Market. His sister, the notorious Sadie Pearson, who figured in robberies when only 11 years old, is in a beer garden in New York. His brother, Ernest Pearson, also has a record, and the pictures of the trio were in the rogues' gallery before they were 14 years of age. Pearson was employed, says the young man was all that could be desired, as far as he was concerned, and was honest in money matters and discharge of all duties.

THE VICTIM.

The murdered girl is given a very high character by Mrs. Niblett, with whom she had been employed since July last as a domestic. The dead girl was home last Wed-

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Handkerchiefs, 2 for 25c.

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New Tams, 50c.

Just received, a large assortment Camel's Hair Tams, which we clear at only, each50c

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During Millinery Opening Week we will offer Perina's Celebrated Kid Gloves in shades of tan and gray of Navy and Cardinal Mixed and black, every pair warranted, for only, per pair75c

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A special line of Ladies' and Misses' Kersey Cloth Jackets, in black, navy and castor, lined with silk, six buttons. Extra at\$5 00

Ladies' and Misses' Kersey Cloth Jackets, in fawn, castor and black, stitched lapels and collar, lined with mervelized saten, some with silk, large pearl buttons. Special at\$6 35
Ladies' Black Curl Cloth Jackets, fancy lined, revers lined with fancy stitched satin. Special at\$5 90

Ladies' and Misses' Jackets, in black, fawn, castor and blue Kersey cloth, silk velvet collar, silk lined, notched lapels and fronts. Special at\$10 00
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Priestley's Fine Silk Finish Serge Suitings, all wool, 44-inch, very bright finish, for all suits, good weight, black and navy, per yard50c and 60c

Cheviot Suitings, all wool, heavy homespun finish, very stylish, fall wear for coat and skirt, black and navy, per yard50c

Cheviot Suitings, 48-inch, all wool, extra heavy homespun surface, special line for tailor-made suits (black, navy, brown, garnet), per yard75c

Cheviot Suitings, 64-inch, very heavy, for unlined skirts, with frieze finish surface, very special line for jacket and skirt, in black, Oxford gray and brown shades, per yard75c

Cheviot Suitings, homespun surface, very bright, all wool, 64-inch, for stylish suits, in black only, per yard\$1 00

Black Homespun Suitings, 64-inch, heavy weight, in plain frieze finish, also cheviot finish, all wool and thoroughly shrunken, per yard\$1 25
Black Venetian Suitings, all wool, 44-inch, cloth finish, very bright finish cloth, black and all colors, per yard60c and 75c

Black Broadcloth Suitings, 44 to 54 inches wide, all wool, shrunken, very bright satin finish, for tailor-made suits (black, brown, castor, navy, garnet and green), per yard\$1 25 and \$1 50

Black Broadcloth Suitings, heavy weight, 64-inch, an elegant bright finish for tailor-made suits, weight heavy enough for unlined skirt, per yard\$2 00 and \$2 50

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nesday and told some of her companions she intended to "snuff" Pearson, as she didn't think much of him. It is possible she told him of her intention on the way home from Freelon.

In support of the theory of the police that the rig was driven to the side of the road, and it is surmised that Pearson tried to pull her out of the rig from the right side, and when she resisted, fired the shots. Pearson, however, denies this.

Five cartridges were found on the ground near where the shooting took place.

STRUGGLE GOES ON

Americans Lost 100 Men in Ten Days in the Philippines.

Manila, Sept. 25.—The American casualties in killed, wounded or missing during the last ten days approach 100. From Cagayan and Isabela provinces, and the northwestern districts of Luzon, come accounts of insurgent operations and American precautionary measures.

A resumption of insurgent operations at Iloilo is considered quite probable, and the Americans there are taking the necessary steps.

last Monday by Aguinaldo, directs that American prisoners be set at liberty, to captives.

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