

MAPLE CITY'S WARM WELCOME

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people by their voice in a plebiscite demanded it, and after he came into power deliberately violated that bargain, alleging for the first time a secret understanding which was never placed before the earnest people of this country who fought that battle—I say, if there be any prohibitionist in Canada who stands for these men and for that party, after being treated in that way, I don't want his vote, the Conservative party don't want his vote, because they treat regard him as a man who is taking the course which will tend to elevate public life in this country. I contend that there was a deliberate promise made to the people of this country in that regard, and I say that that promise was as deliberately violated. And I heard Hon. Geo. E. Foster charge that in the House of Commons to his face, and there was no answer to it.

"I respect the temperance workers," went on Mr. Borden, "I respect the cause for which they work. I am not a total abstainer myself, although I very seldom indulge in anything that would be regarded as intoxicating liquor, not so much from principle as for other reasons. I could not do my work. I do not believe it is a good thing for me. I do not regard it as right for me. I use my own judgment in that regard. But I say that for the sake of removing an evil, I would be glad to sacrifice my own individual liberty. But I do not believe in this Canada of ours, in passing any law until public opinion has been brought up to the standard of enforcing it."

"But it has been done here," said some one from the audience, referring to the enforcement of the local option law in Blenheim.

"Well, you have done a very good work, then, if it is done," replied Mr. Borden. "This matter is very largely altogether, so far as I understand the law—a matter for the Provincial Legislature. It is true that we have the decision with regard to the Canada Temperance Act, before us. But those who have studied it—and I have studied it to some extent—say that that decision will be regarded as something which cannot be expressly overruled, but which will not be acted upon by the Privy Council in the future. So far, practically, the whole jurisdiction is concerned, the matter rests with the Provincial Legislature. They can carry it, and it is for that reason that I suggest that it is much more a proper question for the Prime Minister of Ontario, who has power to deal with it, than it is for the leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, who, at the present time certainly has no power whatever to deal with it."

Tremendous and long-continued applause greeted the speech at its conclusion.

At the close of the meeting, Rev. Mr. Brown and other ministers advanced to the platform to heartily applaud and pleasure. He referred to the magnificent and instructive oration of the popular, and deservedly so, leader of the Liberal-Conservative party. It was without equivocation and left no room for doubt or escape. He spoke in the highest and most complimentary terms of Mr. Clements.

As train time was drawing near, the meeting had to be called to a close, with cheers for the King, Mr. Borden and the candidates.

On their arrival in Chatham on the return from Blenheim, Mr. Borden and party were met at the C. P. R. station by a large number of ladies and gentlemen, who were taken to the Hotel Garner under the escort of the Citizens Band. After supper a reception was held at which Mr. and Mrs. Borden received hundreds of the Maple City ladies and gentlemen. After the reception the party proceeded to the Opera House, where an immense gathering awaited to hear the honored leader of the great Conservative party.

The hall was appropriately decorated with banners and flags. Streamers bearing the mottoes "Borden-Clements, both winners," "The old flag and the old policy with a new leader," and "Canada for Canadians" and "Canada for the people" were hung from the walls. Mr. Borden and Mr. Clements adorned the chairs. Dr. Thornton, president of the Association, occupied the chair and he was surrounded by a large number of representative Canadians, amongst whom, besides R. L. Borden and James Clancy, M. P., were: H. S. Clements, David Henderson, M. P., Halton, Hon. Wm. H. J. S. Fraser, Dr. W. R. Hall, J. W. Sharpe, Dresden; Dr. Mitchell, Wallaceburg; Sandy McVean, Dresden; W. W. Everitt, J. M. Pike, J. Beverley Smith, Dr. J. L. Bray, John Turner, W. S. Marshall, A. B. Hutchinson, Rev. R. McCosh, Neil Watson, Mull; A. Cooper, Dr. A. Dunn, Geo. G. Martin, Thos. French, S. B. Arnold, M. J. Wilson, S. Stephenson, G. G. Taylor, Warren Lambert, Rev. Mr. Eddy, W. Stanworth, and others.

The lower boxes were occupied on the right by Mrs. R. L. Borden, Mrs. T. J. O'Keefe, Mrs. J. E. Armstrong and Mrs. H. S. Clements; on the left by Mrs. A. W. Thornton, Mrs. M. J. Wilson, Mrs. S. B. Arnold, Mrs. Chas. Dunn, Mrs. W. G. Merritt and Miss Lily Green.

Dr. Thornton, in opening the enthusiastic meeting, said: Ladies and Gentlemen—Will you permit me, as President of the Conservative Association of this County, to thank you most heartily for this magnificent demonstration in honor of the leader of the Conservative party of Canada. It augurs well for the future of this country, for the representative men of both political parties unite to honor the men

who have been chosen to stand in the front ranks in the political life of the nation.

The Conservative party certainly has no cause to feel ashamed of the part it has taken in the development of this country since Confederation. Our honored guest of this evening has no doubt a just sense of the high degree of confidence which has been placed in him in being chosen by his conferees as their leader, and this honor must be enhanced as he thinks of the men who previously filled the position, for in future years when the history of the first fifty years after Confederation comes to be written there shall be no names to stand with greater lustre than those of Macdonald, Abbott, Thompson, Bowell and Tupper. As we think of the great men among the nations of the world almost unconsciously our minds are focused upon some simple or simple, and these men have become inseparably associated with the history of the nation to which they belonged.

It was Napoleon, I think, who, during his Egyptian campaign, when he wished to inspire his men and thrill them with enthusiasm, said, pointing to the pyramids, "Thirty centuries look down upon you." It was Nelson at Trafalgar that flashed from his flagship that immortal message to his men that since that time has been the inspiration of every British soldier and sailor, "England expects that every man this day shall do his duty."

When the thirteen colonies were dealing with the question of taxation without representation and their relation to the mother country, it was Patrick Henry who said "Give me liberty or give me death."

And when the Liberal party of Canada pinned their faith to the doctrine of commercial union, or unrestricted reciprocity, a doctrine that the Hon. Ed. Blake said would lead inevitably to political union, when in the mind of that great statesman was outside the pale of practical politics, it was at that crucial moment that that great statesman and father of Confederation, Sir John A. Macdonald, reaching not only the climax of his speech but having reached also the climax of his life spent in the interest of his country, exclaimed with all the fervor of his soul, "A British subject I was born, a British subject I will die."

And, ladies and gentlemen, the man man who is with us to-night, the leader of the great Conservative party of Canada, has brought into existence an expression which is bound to work itself into the history of the nation, an expression which I believe will become the strategic point about which will be waged the battles of the coming campaign, and that expression is "shall we have a government owned railway, or a railway owned government."

And we do not have to draw very largely on our imaginations to discern the meaning of this "railway owned government," for during the past week we have read the sworn testimony regarding the machinations of a government kept in power by the corporations and steamship lines and great corporations prostituting the free institutions of this province on a scale and to a depth never before dreamed of in this Dominion.

I am not going to take up your time but I have just one suggestion to make. When the time comes for the Conservative party to regain the reins of government, I trust that they will put a duty so high as to be absolutely prohibitive on a certain class of American products.

I refer to the thugs and toughs and pluggers brought over from the American Soo and from Buffalo to debauch the free institutions of this country and I would suggest, sir, that a picture of that famous vessel, the miniature copy of the ship to be added to the Canadian emblem, along side the Maple Leaf and Beaver and that under it, there be written that motto, that we see under the Scotch Thistle, the emblem of Bonnie Scotland, "Nemo impune laeditur," which is being freely interpreted, "You'd better leave me alone or you're liable to be hurt."

Dr. Thornton then introduced H. S. Clements, the Conservative standard bearer, who struck a popular vein. He was splendidly received. He said:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. and Mrs. Borden:

You will understand, I think, how difficult I feel about speaking on occasions such as the present. I know perfectly well that this magnificent audience is simply a tribute to the distinguished gentleman who is present with us to-night, a gentleman who has commanded the admiration and the respect of the people more rapidly, perhaps, than any other man in the political life of Canada. I assure you, Mr. Chairman, I join with you and the good people of this city and vicinity, regardless of any political ties in extending to our distinguished guest the heartiest greetings and the most cordial welcome. I realize, ladies and gentlemen in appearing on this platform this evening that I am in the company of two gentlemen, one of whom by his ability as an orator and evident mastery of public affairs has proven himself worthy of the confidence as leader of the great Conservative party of Canada; and the other, Mr. Clancy, both in parliament and out of parliament has shown debating ability and keenness of intellect far beyond the ordinary. So you'll understand it would be very unwise for me to occupy very much of your time. Some time in the future I trust I may have the opportunity of meeting the electors and discussing with them the political issues of the day, more especially those issues which effect the welfare of the people of this constituency. Let me say this, however, that I am proud to be permitted in any way, however humble, to be associated with any man who enjoys to so large an extent the confidence and respect of the people as does Mr. Borden. He has not departed from the old landmarks. His motto is, "The old flag and the old policy," and we are glad to add to the old flag and the old policy, the new leader. It would seem, sir, that we are

on the eve of a general election and as the candidate of the Conservative party in this constituency, I am glad of this opportunity of pledging my support to the leader who has led to en himself so worthy and to those principles which under the Conservative government developed Canada and raised her up to the magnificent position now occupied. I want to say, Mr. Chairman, in behalf of the citizens of Chatham and vicinity, we extend to that amiable woman who accompanies Mr. Borden a most hearty welcome, and our only regret is that she cannot remain longer with us and thus become better acquainted with what we consider the finest and best looking women of Canada.

In conclusion, while I want to be as brief as possible, I will state to you what I believe in, a policy of Canada for the Canadians. I believe in building up Canada at the expense of foreign countries, and not building up foreign countries at the expense of Canada, as we are doing at the present time. I believe in applying the same duty to foreign countries, especially to the United States, that we apply to all other things that affect us, and especially upon American farm stuff, thereby giving to the Canadian farmer the Canadian market to himself, as the American farmer has the American market to himself, and giving to the Canadian mechanic and laborer the work and wages that justly belong to them as Canadians. I believe in equal rights for all and all classes being treated alike irrespective of color, race or nationality. While I would like to go into the many questions pertaining to this constituency I will defer it until some future time. As I know a great many of our Kent farmers are present to-night, I want to compare the United States duty against the Canadian upon a few articles pertaining to farm stuff:

Special per 3. N. W.
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THE LOCAL BUDGET

Briscoe's bicycle repairs and livery. Miss Heath, of Windsor, is visiting at, Albert Moody, Edgar St. Miss Burns has reopened classes in china painting; studio Thames street. To-night Mack & Armour again at the Grand, prices 10, 20 and 30 cents. Do not be neglectful; seats on sale to-morrow for "Romeo and Juliet." Toronto Fair sample suits worth \$17.50 and \$18.50 for \$12.50 at The 2 T's.

J. Sanford Hulm, of Penfield, N. J., is visiting his brother, Otis B. Hulm.

Ten smart boys, about 15 years of age, are wanted at once at Mahler's apple factory, Park avenue west.

Miss Piper, London, is in the city, the guest of her brother, A. M. Piper, architect.

Something very nice in Clothing. Call! It will pay you. Webb the Tailor.

Mrs. Harry Weaver has returned from visiting her daughter, Mrs. Judah, Toronto.

Band concert and promenade at Curling Rink Thursday night; Regimental Band. Admission, 10 cents.

Mrs. W. F. Smith arrived home yesterday, after spending a week the guest of Mrs. W. A. Wilson, London.

Miss Sarah Dauphin, Head St., is going up north, where she has accepted a position.

Misses Jennie and Maggie Ogle, of Rondeau, have returned home, after spending a few days the guests of Miss Lottie E. Hulin.

Miss Louise Hillman will resume her musical studies on Wednesday, 21st inst. Pupils intending to resume their studies will please call at once at the studio.

J. W. Aitken, A. M. McKishnie, Dr. Kerr, and J. G. Kerr, spent Monday in the West Kent, respectively, Bay. They had a good day and bagged 28 teal.

Remember St. Andrew's concert on Monday evening, 26th inst., at eight o'clock. An "At Home" will be given in the Sunday school rooms after the concert. Admission to both 25 cents.

Lost! Monday afternoon, between Northway's store and Library, a sum of money and a number of papers. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office.

Rev. M. Martin, Brantford, will conduct the anniversary services in St. Andrew's church on Sunday, 25th inst., and on the following evening a concert and "At Home" will be given.

The trial of Louis Tremblay and Stanley Boyd on the charge of burglary was to have been continued today but was laid over till Friday.

Fred. Berston, who pleaded guilty to the charge of which the other two are also accused, was remanded till Friday.

The reserve seat sale opens to-morrow at 10 a. m. at Briscoe's for "Romeo and Juliet" attraction, which appears at the Grand on Monday with an adequate acting company, including Leland Webb as "Romeo" and Hortense Van Zile as "Juliet."

Lost, on Saturday last, between Thomas Stueck & Son's and the Market, a parcel containing forty milk skins. Finder will be rewarded by returning to this office.

Fred. Bartlett has traded his \$50 gun for two English pheasants and now he's afraid the pheasants will die. He also has to buy three of those 40 cents each cigars for John Pleasance if Port Arthur has not fallen in nine days more.

Miss Mabel Orr, who has been visiting here, returns to her home at Wingham to-day, and is accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Orr, of "Bleak House," this city, who will make a two weeks' visit with friends in Wingham and vicinity.

Napoleon Larin, the barber, calls attention to the card in the rear of his shop. It is a fierce sight, littered as it is with paper and other refuse. Mr. Larin says that they have at different times had the police, and the fire department in an effort to keep the yard clean.

The horse belonging to Mr. Carey, gardner, ran away this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Carey were delivering vegetables on Princess street. Mr. Carey had gone into a house and Mrs. Carey was sitting in the rig when the horse became frightened and ran as far as Murray street, where the rig was upset and Mrs. Carey was thrown out and quite badly shaken up. She was taken to the residence of Mrs. Wm. Mann, Murray street, where it was found that her injuries were not serious.

We believe that Canada to-day is just at the threshold of national greatness. Her boundless natural fields, her vast mineral wealth, her forests and her streams are attracting the attention and commanding the thought of the people of all nations. Because of this, statesmen of broad outlook, farseeing minds and clean hands must be found to guide the affairs of the nation, if Canada is to attain the position which we all know she should occupy.

The people of Kent County are proud to greet you, sir, because they know your name already stands synonomous with purity in public life, breadth of outlook and earnest zeal in the advancement and welfare of our country and its people.

It is particularly pleasing to us, too, that we have the privilege to-night of extending a warm welcome to Mrs. Borden, who so heartily greets the loyal lady whose consecration to the cause of good government is as real, as earnest and as arduous as that of her illustrious husband.

We bid you welcome to Chatham; we bid you welcome to Kent. We are proud to have you with us—and we shall look forward to the time, not far distant, when we shall again have the privilege and pleasure of

greeting you—our Leader—then as First Minister of our great Dominion. Signed on behalf, etc.

Chatham, Sept. 20, 1904.

David Henderson, M. P. for Halton, made a brief speech in which he crystallized the arguments of the fiscal policy as outlined by Mr. Borden by a comparison of Windsor and Detroit. He thought that after the splendid speech of Mr. Borden that the best thing for the people to do would be to go home and think over what the leader had said.

Joseph Armstrong, M. P. for East Lambton, also spoke for a very few minutes and impressed a few of the facts put forth by Mr. Borden and speaking in the highest terms of H. S. Clements, the candidate for West Kent.

The meeting concludes with the singing of God Save the King, followed by rousing cheers for the Conservative party, for R. L. Borden and for H. S. Clements, the candidate for West Kent.

ADMIRER BY LIBERALS

Mr. John Piggett, Sr., one of the most active and yet fair-minded Liberals of the city, congratulated the officers of the Conservative Association on the magnificent political meeting held in the Opera House last evening. Speaking of the meeting, Mr. Piggett said:

"I could scarcely refrain from rising to my feet at the close of the meeting and congratulating those in charge on having given to the people of Chatham one of the clearest and cleanest cut political meetings that it has ever been my privilege to attend. It was altogether free from anything like personal abuse, and was certainly a model of all other political meetings might profitably be patterned."

TO-NIGHT'S BILL

Mack & Armour's Comedians returned this morning from Blenheim, where they played last night to an enthusiastic audience. They will present "A Colorado Girl," one of Mr. Mack's most successful melo-dramas, to-night, and the reputation they established last Monday evening assures a packed house.

"A Colorado Girl" bristles with pleasant comedy situations and thrilling dramatic incidents, and scenes being laid in a banker's office in New York City and among the canyons of Colorado. An entirely new list of specialties will be presented between acts, and these promises to be the best ever seen here. Miss Dolly Armour, the leading lady of the company, is being received with great enthusiasm throughout Canada, her native home. It is a matter of local interest that she was reared near Wallaceburg, Ont., and although her reputation was made in the States, her many friends in the Dominion are proud of her career, she having won enviable recognition in the best vaudeville houses of the east. A number of her relatives and friends from Wallaceburg and other points have visited her at different points along the tour.

NOTICE

The Degree team committee wishes every member of Court McGregor to be present at the meeting Thursday evening, Sept. 22nd, Special business.

D. H. DIAMOND, R. S.

Give your girls a White sewing machine for the fall sewing. George Stephens & Co.

Coal and wood at Gilbert's, Queen Street, near G. T. R., telephone 119.

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All about Exercise, Breathing, Food, Drink, Walking, Recreation, etc. in Relation to Health and Disease, giving definite instructions for Good Habits of Living.

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Judge Bell heard the appeals re the voters' list this morning. About 30 changes were made.

Vital Goodreau, who has been ill in the hospital for the past two weeks, is able to be out again.

House to rent—Fine frame house Lydian Avenue, Apply to J. C. Fleming, Victoria Ave., or County Treasurer's office, Harrison Hall.

George James has returned to Wingham after a short visit with friends in this city. Mr. James has charge of the wall paper department of the Hudson's Bay Co., and has been in New York on a purchasing tour.

Messdames J. Chalmers and J. Cowan have opened a dress and mantle establishment on Queen street, opposite R. C. church, and kindly solicit the patronage of the Chatham vicinity.

Miss Minnie Newton, of Orangeville, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. W. Mann, 4th Con, Raleigh, for the past week, returned to the city Tuesday evening, and is now the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Wm. Mann, Murray street.

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New Dress Goods

Now this is what we want to tell you earnestly convincingly and it cannot be refuted. We have this fall the greatest the best, the most varied and exclusive stock of Dress Goods that we ever had.

100 pieces of fancy suit lengths no two patterns alike, prices from \$1 to \$1.50 per yard.

A special showing of Dress Tweeds in plain fancy flake knop and canvas weaves, prices from 35c to \$1.25 per yard.

Extra Special in BLACK FRENCH BROADCLOTHS—Finest Black French Broadcloth 54 inches wide, made from selected wools, will make a very dressy Black Suit or Separate Skirt, price \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2 per yd.

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Large size comforters, filled with white batting, reversible coverings, of fancy silks, choice patterns and colorings, nicely quilted, special each \$1.40 and \$2.00

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At \$3.50 per pair, Canada pure wool blanket, fancy red borders, soft yarns, thoroughly washed, unshrinkable, size 64x82 inches, per pair \$3.50

New Eiderdowns

For children's cloaks, ladies' sacques, etc., big variety of fancy colored stripes, 27 inches wide, special per yard 40c

Cream Bear Skin

For infants' coats, heavy nap, 50 inches wide, per yard \$1.50, \$2.00, and \$2.75

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Good heavy Scotch and Irish linen crash towelings, popular widths, 10c, 12 1-2c, and 15c

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AUTUMN FASHIONS IN FURNITURE

New pieces for Fall and Winter business are arriving daily. Examples will be found of all the leading styles of fine furniture of the finest quality of finish. Fine furniture was never so well finished and constructed as to-day, and never sold for smaller prices. Here are hints of fine pieces that will afford rare pleasure to furniture lovers.

English Colonial Mahogany Parlor Suite, 3 pieces, upholstered in finest quality silk, newest pattern, price only \$40.00

Centre Table in Genuine Mahogany Veneer Polished, rich dark color, shaped top and legs, \$7.00

Wardrobe—Richly moulded and carved, of exquisite finish throughout, long drawer at bottom, surface quarter cut oak finish, \$17.50

These are only a few of many pieces we invite your inspection of the stock in our warerooms, and also Our Exhibit at the Peninsular Fair. Our salespeople will be pleased to show you through whether you wish to buy or not

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All about our New Clothing, Hats and Haberdashery—correct attire for Men. Almost every man who reads the "Daily Tales" of the clothing, in the newspapers and magazines. Almost every man has been disappointed and disgusted on looking at the clothes they pretended to describe. We invite these men to call at our store to be most agreeably surprised.

It's easy to draw a picture of men's clothes as they should be, but it's not so easy to make the clothes that look like the picture. We publish no misleading illustrations, but we do know how to provide our patrons with the right kind of clothes.

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\$10.00 RAINCOATS—A garment suitable for every man; that will do double duty—a fall weight overcoat and a water proof combined, in Oxford/Olives and Tweed Mixtures lined throughout. Prices run \$5 to \$14, but we emphasize particularly our \$10 value, which are sold in most stores at \$12.

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