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THE PREMIER AT HALIFAX.

THE TARIFF TO BE REVISED ON A
PROTECTIVE BASIS.

The Government's Policy Is to Give Preference to Canadian Manufacturers and Canadian Labor—Eminent Reformers Quoted to Show the Possibility of Free Trade.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 11.—The banquet to Right Hon. Sir John Thompson and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to-night was the most successful affair of its kind ever given in Nova Scotia. Mr. Adam Burns presided.

Sir John Thompson, who was received with prolonged applause, said he was proud to say that Canada had become a nation with as great possibilities as any country in the world. If people believed half of what appeared in the Opposition press, there would be no tariff and no taxation in the future. Under their proposed tariff reform the Liberals believe there would be no taxation. But he, the Premier, believed in a tariff. The Liberal-Conservatives would continue to raise the required taxation by tariff.

Canada had not been made a nation without sacrifices and risks and the creation of burdens which must be carried. One of those sacrifices was the annual payment of \$16,000,000 for interest and sinking funds of a debt incurred for public improvements. Then \$8,000,000 or \$10,000,000 had to be provided for the maintenance of public works, and the cost of Indians and the civil service brought the taxation up to the total of \$27,000,000 before they could even consider the items open to any considerable portion of taxation. (Hear, hear.) These latter requirements for the public service aggregate \$30,000,000 or \$10,000,000, or only \$5,000,000 more than they were when the Liberal-Conservative came into power 15 years ago, and when the country was in a most deplorable condition of affairs. (Hear, hear.) You must raise \$27,000,000 of taxes before you can even consider the items of the balance required as a result.

Now, in the past the expenditures of the country had been incurred in a way that increased the credit of the country and afforded great conveniences to the people.

Improvements in the tariff. What we now say is that there are features in which the tariff under which these taxes are levied can be improved. There can be no tariff, however good and beneficial, but that it is a burden. The tariff and the consequent changes in business, can be improved, but we cannot, as already shown, propose to do off any considerable portion of taxation. In that sense the platform of the two parties was the same.

Wages Reform Revision Means. Revision of the tariff by the Opposition means the reimposition of the stamp tax, the taxes on tea, coffee, sugar, rice and other necessities of life, increasing immensely the burden of taxation without increasing the revenue. The Liberal-Conservative did not propose to impose such taxes and raise less revenue, but they would raise only just such taxes as public necessities demand and raise those taxes on a protective basis.

Give Preference to Canadian Labor. The Government policy was that goods produced in an American factory and which can be produced in Canada, shall pay the duty and thus give the preference to goods in Canada and give the tax to the Canadian worker. (Hear, hear.) That is the policy that we mean by protection. (Applause.) In this respect there is a clear and distinct line between the two parties.

The Opposition leaders are opposed to that patriotic Canadian policy and declare that they will never rest until they eliminate every vestige of protection from the tariff. To carry out their policy they would levy taxes on what the people cannot and do not produce, but which they consume.

But Sir John did not believe the Opposition leaders were sincere, and he quoted Blake, Mackenzie and other eminent Liberals who declared that free trade was impossible in Canada. If you want to know what wise Reformers will do, said Sir John, read the Ottawa convention, but the sober and natural, statesmanlike and wise declaration of the late Alexander Mackenzie, who declared that when they again attained power they would not go to be revolutionists, and that they could not materially change or lower the tariff.

Winnipeg's Mistake. After referring at length to Canada's determination to sustain friendly and neighborly relations with the United States, the Premier referred to the Winnipeg election and remarked that our sister Winnipeg would soon realize the great mistake it had made and would take the earliest opportunity of returning to its allegiance to the only party that had ever done anything for this city for the Northwest and which alone holds out the slightest hope of doing anything for that country's future. (Applause.) But when it is remembered that the Winnipeg election was already carried seven of the enemy's scalps in its belt they could afford to be so confident. (Laughter.) He had no fear that the religious prejudice and fanaticism which had been aroused in the Northwest could be worked up in other parts of the Dominion. If he had not greatly mistaken the public spirit of Ontario no such issue could be presented to the electors of that great and intelligent province. (Applause.) No such spirit could prevail in that magnificent province, nor indeed in Manitoba itself. Nova Scotia many years ago laid in the grave all questions of religious fanaticism, prejudice and bigotry. (Applause.) He looked to the future with the greatest confidence. If Nova Scotia remained true to itself and Liberal-Conservative principles, he was sure that the other provinces would be all right.

Sir Charles H. Tupper also spoke.

A Fast Atlantic Service Assured. Replying to the Board of Trade delegation to-day, Sir John Thompson assured the delegation that the fast Atlantic line service was an accomplished fact, and that an agent is in Ottawa at the present time awaiting the return of the ministers in order to complete negotiations.

CLARENCE WALLACE AT WISCON.

The Controller of Customs Addressed West York Conservatives.

WESTON, Dec. 11.—The annual meeting of the West York Liberal-Conservative Association was held here this afternoon and was well attended by representative men from all parts of the constituency. W. J. Smithson, secretary of the association, presided and the association thoroughly organized. A resolution of Smithson re-affirming confidence in the Dominion Government and congratulating Sir John Thompson on the success of his tour was carried unanimously, as was also the motion of Henry Walsh, deputy-rev. of West York, seconded by

STREET RAILROAD BLOCKED.

LAST NIGHT'S SNOW STORM PARALYZED TRAFFIC.

After an Ineffectual Attempt to Clear the Track an Order Was Given to Run the Cars on the Streets—Many of the Streets Were Closed.

Citizens who came down town last night and trusted to the street cars to get home again were sadly disappointed. After 7 o'clock there was very little traffic on any portions of the line, and in some parts of the city all travel was blocked. At no time, however, was the service at a standstill. There was at all times up to 11.30 some part of the service running, though at times it was so slight as to be of very little use.

At 7.30 the sweepers and a large number of men armed with brooms and shovels were put to work, and the remainder of the night were kept busy clearing the tracks and trying to get the service into working order. Owing to the difficulties in calling out the sweepers and men this, however, was almost impossible, as the storm had obtained such a start on the company that it would have been impossible to have cleared the tracks of the snow already accumulated in time to render any efficient service. As it was, with the snow falling and covering the tracks almost as quickly as they were swept off, the slight clearings made could hardly be noticed.

At 11 o'clock all idea of traffic was abandoned, and every car was ordered into the stables by the quickest route, and by 12 o'clock the sweepers had undisturbed possession of the tracks.

A vote was taken in the British Parliament and question House Secretary Aquish as to what truth there may be in the common report that \$1000 has been sent from the Government Secret Service Fund to Chicago to defray the expenses of Coughlin.

The Government has the right to refuse to answer questions as to the Secret Service Fund, but it is thought that this question should be answered by the Secretary.

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A SHOEMAKERS' STRIKE POSSIBLE.

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The Shoemakers' Union at their meeting last night took the scale which would reduce the wages of the employees in the employ of J. D. King & Co., wholesale boot and shoe makers, to a scale of \$1.00 per week.

This bill was submitted to a committee of the union in Mr. W. Hamilton's office yesterday afternoon. The employers had requested the conference and the union men were appointed for the purpose of the meeting.

When the shoe association and the union met, the union men were present in the hall, which will, the men claim, reduce wages on extras by 30 per cent. At 6 o'clock last night the union men, who have had some experience in handling men and traffic, called at the World office and complained of the very inefficient way in which the Street Railway Company met the snowstorm which began yesterday afternoon.

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ROME, Dec. 11.—A serious riot resulting in the death of a peasant and the serious if not fatal burning of a constable occurred yesterday at the town of Bionto. The people were celebrating a religious festival, and at night had large quantities of fireworks that they intended to set off. The gendarmes and customs officers interfered to prevent the fireworks display on the ground that it would be dangerous. The people resented this every precaution had been made to guard against an outrage in the House of Commons.

The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, leader of the Opposition in the House, said that he reported that \$1000 has been sent from the Government Secret Service Fund to Chicago to defray the expenses of Coughlin.

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