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THE ELECTIONS

There is every reason to believe that Canada will be in the throes of a general election before the autumn has come and gone. The leaves of autumn will mercifully fall upon the dead hopes of the Conservative party, which will have received another mandate from the people to remain in the wilderness seeking a policy worthy of popular support. If they had it to do over again the Conservative leaders would probably pursue a different course in regard to reciprocity, but they have gone so far that they must now endeavor to make a virtue of holding to the policy adopted. They will force the government to go to the country on the reciprocity issue, and with a great heaving of drums and waving of flags they will endeavor to persuade the people that disloyalty and danger to the empire are concealed somewhere in this simple trade agreement which can be terminated at any moment.

The Liberals could ask no more favorable fighting ground. They are able to show that Sir John Macdonald, Sir John Thompson, Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. George E. Foster were eager for a renewal of the reciprocity treaty of 1854, and that up to the time the Liberals came into power the Conservatives entertained no fears whatever of evil to befall under such a trade agreement. Nothing that has transpired since 1896 makes it less desirable for Canada to trade on more favorable terms with the great country lying along her borders across a continent. There is nothing in the reciprocity agreement to endanger any Canadian industry. The farmers, lumbermen and fishermen will be greatly benefited by the large free market opened to them, and what is to their advantage must help the whole country. It is evidently the purpose of the opposition to obscure the issue as far as possible, and to pose as the saviors of the Empire. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is represented as one who seeks to shirk imperial responsibilities and withdraw Canada from the Empire. The absurdity of this charge in view of the perfectly plain facts of the case ought to be clear to the Conservative leaders, and no doubt it is; but they apparently hope that the people can be fooled and their prejudices stirred by assertions of any sort, where these are made with sufficient emphasis. There is, however, but one great issue if the election fight is now forced by the Conservatives. It is the issue of improved trade relations, and that is something every country seeks for the good of the country. On that issue the Liberals hold an impregnable position. They give the mother country a preference, and after that they enlarge Canada's trade wherever a favorable opportunity offers. Such an opportunity has been offered by the United States, and it would be folly to reject an agreement so favorable to this country.

PORT HOWE

We now learn from the Standard that Mr. M. E. Agar was the discoverer of Port Howe. The Times stated the other day that Mr. Agar was in favor of the conversion of Port Howe into a park, and the Standard now hastens to credit him with the original idea. Mr. Agar is so amiable a citizen that one would not like to deprive him of any honor justly his due, but there is really no evidence to prove that Champlain did not, when he visited St. John, mount to the summit of this hill and remark to his officers that it was an ideal site for a park. The same thought may have occurred to the late William Cobbett when he went courting on Port Howe, a romantic proceeding which would prompt him to see visions of beauty all about him. Indeed there is reason to believe that many persons in the last three hundred years may have remarked that this hill possessed merits as a point of outlook and as the site of a future park. But nothing happened. Hence, when the credit of having made the first suggestion is duly awarded, whether to Mr. Agar, Mr. Cobbett, Champlain or some noted chieftain of the aboriginal tribes of this region, it still remains true that no steps were taken toward realizing the dream until Dr. Pugsley took action. Whereat the Standard indulged in unseemly mirth, until Mr. Agar showed it the error of its

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Think you, will God be glad and smile upon you, Who rob the brave, wee merchants of the street? Of this, His day, He gave them unto gladness, To fill their throats with laughter, clear and sweet!

One prayer to stay the vengeance, and one only To save from wrath for this black deed you do—Thou, Christ, the Christ who died alone and lonely, Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

You who would bar the gateways of their gladness, Grudgingly given from God's good domain; Beware lest at the end of this, your mad career, You, too, shall knock upon His gates in vain.

—James P. Haveron.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

The Ottawa Journal says:—"Montreal's infant mortality record for the past few days makes grim reading. Of the 473 deaths during the first eleven days of July, 464 or 98 per cent. were of infants. If this wholesale slaughter of helpless childhood does not out-Herod Herod in malice, it certainly does in numbers, for this massacre goes on year after year, and in every street of every city throughout the world the voice of Rachel is heard weeping out her comfortless grief. The indictment against society is apparent when medical testimony informs us that most of these young lives might be saved. It is simply that the summer season demands extra precautions in the care of infants, and of these precautions most mothers are ignorant."

HIS SACRIFICE

Jenny—Jack, you ought to make some sacrifice to prove that you love me. What will you give up when we are married? Jack—I'll give up being a bachelor.

THE MODERN FLAT

Friend—Looking over Brown's unfurnished flat! And what is this passage for? Brown—Passage! Great Scott, this is the dining room!

SUFFICIENT

"What cured him of flirting?" "He started a flirtation with a lady who turned out to be selling an encyclopedia at \$200 a set."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

There will be a special election in Maine on September 11 to determine whether or not the people wish to retain prohibition. As the Republicans who have supported prohibition for years were swept from power last fall, the issue is considered to be in doubt. Dr. Alvah H. Doty, health officer at Newbury, reports the cholera situation reassuring. There has been one death in twenty-four hours but no new cases have been reported. Three men were killed by an explosion of 5000 pounds of nitroglycerine which destroyed the neutralizing plant and storehouse of the Dupont Powder Company, fifteen miles south of Denver yesterday. The Scott Act case of John O'Regan of St. John was dismissed in the Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon by Magistrate Kay. Witnesses for the prosecution failed to show up. The charge was shipping liquor into a Scott Act county. The Organmen of Logansport, accompanied by the Newcastle band, attended the Presbyterian church at Chelmsford in a body last Sunday. Rev. A. Rennie preached.

Serious forest fires are reported at Upper Blackville, but no crown lands have been destroyed. Fires are also reported at McGivney's. Chicago, July 17—Judge Honore today temporarily refused to admit to bail Simon O'Connell, James Garvin, Thomas Kearney and Maurice Bright, Chicago labor leaders, under indictment for the murder of Vincent Altman, who was shot on March 22 last at the Briggs House, and whose killing was attributed to labor troubles.

Edinburgh, July 17—King George and Queen Mary arrived in the Scottish capital today and received a rousing welcome. Quebec, July 17—Unexpected orders were received by the Niobe today to proceed to Yarmouth (N. S.) tomorrow. It had been expected that the Canadian warship would remain here for at least three weeks, and it was even stated that the vessel might take a trip to Montreal.

Toronto, July 17—Baron Von Holsten, of Berlin, Germany, announced today that the Porcupine Gold Mines, Limited, of which he is general manager, has just purchased three claims in the Porcupine, named the Joslyn, the Canadian Northern Explorers and the Cable, situated between the Red Sea and the Foley-O'Brien properties, and has paid \$30,000 for them.

Washington, July 17—The revised house campaign publicity bill unanimously passed the senate today. It prohibits a senatorial candidate spending more than \$10,000, a congressional candidate \$5,000, and requires publication, before election, of all campaign pledges, all primary campaign expenditures, and all general election expenditures.

MOTOR PARTIES

Fredericton Mail—Two motoring parties from St. John were in the city for the weekend. J. Royden Thomson and wife, J. M. Robinson and wife, and G. Heber Vroom, arrived on Saturday evening and registered at the Queen, returning to St. John yesterday. Messrs. John E. Moore and A. W. Adams and Sheriff Ritchie arrived here Sunday and returned home the same day.

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