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As the statements of our subscription accounts have now been sent out, we shall be expecting remittances daily. It can hardly be necessary to repeat the desirability of having returns made with the least possible delay. Will our friends please keep this matter in mind and not put it off indefinitely?

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

The Australian Tariff.

Favors New Zealand and Great Britain—But Treats Canada Like a Foreign Country—All the Fault of Canadian Ministers—Who Refused to Answer Letters From the Australian Government.

Aylesworth Pities Fielding.

Unfortunate Finance Minister Who Has to Stand Trial on Charges of Corrupting the Electors—Minister of Justice as Defender of Public Plunderers.

Ottawa, Sept. 23, 1906.

The Laurier Government appears to be wholly responsible for any loss this country will sustain by the increase in the Australian tariff on imports from Canada to that country. In July of this year the tariff of Australia was changed, to the great injury of Canadian trade. Duties on farm machinery were much increased, and those on nearly all articles which Canada sent to the Commonwealth were made higher. This is a heavy blow to Canadian trade with the sister colony, and is a set back to the general plan of tariff preference within the Empire.

CANADA SHUT OUT OF AUSTRALIAN PREFERENCE.

It is an aggravation of the trouble that the Australian tariff gives a preference to Great Britain and to New Zealand, but allows no such advantage to Canada. This appeared at first to be an unfriendly proceeding. When an announcement was made of the Australian legislation in July it caused great surprise among Canadians who thought that the attitude of this country toward Australia deserved a better reward.

FAULT OF DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

But now it is learned that the fault is all on the Canadian side. When the Australian Government took up the question of tariff revision a communication was sent to Canada by way of opening negotiations for mutual tariff preferences. The Laurier Government took no action in the matter and does not seem to even have replied to the communication. Yet the Australian Prime Minister did not allow the matter to drop there. A second request was sent to Canada inviting an exchange of views. To that message no response was given. It is not surprising that after this double discourtesy the Australian Ministry went on with its work of tariff revision without regard to Canadian interests. Great Britain and New Zealand have therefore the tariff preference in Australia, while Canada is on the footing of a foreign nation. Great Britain and New Zealand gave a civil and friendly reply to the Australian invitation.

WHAT IS THROWN AWAY.

One would suppose from this indifference that our trade with Australia was of no consequence. Yet without any preference Canada has shipped as much as \$6,000,000 worth of goods in a year to the Australian Commonwealth. The government of Canada has thought the Australian business of sufficient consequence to justify the payment of large subsidy for the Australian service. The Pacific cable, established mainly for the Australian connection, is sending Canada over \$100,000 a year to make good its deficit. Canada keeps two commercial agents in Australia at a cost of

over \$1,000 a year, all for the purpose of assisting and extending our trade with that country. Still the Canadian Ministers did not think it worth while to give even a civil reply to Australian advances proposing a Canadian preference in the Australian market. The result is that the Canadian goods have no advantage in that country over those from United States and are handicapped in comparison with those of Great Britain and New Zealand. If Sir Richard Cartwright, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, had been half as anxious to take care of Canadian trade interests as he has been to provide offices and salaries for the gang of rascals who have been convicted of various crimes in election campaigns, he would have saved our trade with Australia instead of smashing it.

MR. AYERSWORTH IN EAST ELGIN.

The Minister of Justice was one of the speakers at the opening of the East Elgin by-election campaign. This is familiar ground with Mr. Aylesworth, whose name will be found signed as a witness to the famous McNish confession respecting a notorious West Elgin election. In that confession it is admitted by Mr. Aylesworth and Mr. McNish that perjury, bribery, stuffing of ballot boxes and other crimes were committed by persons brought into the riding from outside, some of whom acted under assumed names as returning officers. In his speech on this occasion Mr. Aylesworth passed over these matters. He did not even mention the fact that he was himself the other day a party to the promotion of the operator who had charge of that scandalous campaign, and who sent the famous "Hug the machine" telegram of congratulation to the candidate fraudulently elected.

POOR FIELDING.

What Mr. Aylesworth did at Elgin on this occasion was to declare that Mr. Fielding is undergoing prosecution because he had been obliged to give up the seat for Shelburne and Queen's, for which constituency he was elected by the corruption of the constituency, and because the petitioner is claiming the right to prove in the courts that the Finance Minister was personally implicated in the corrupt proceedings. Mr. Aylesworth went so far as to declare that no proof had been offered in court of Mr. Fielding's personal connection with the offence. Yet the Minister of Justice knew that the very ground of the appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada was the refusal of the trial judges to hear evidence touching Mr. Fielding's personal knowledge of the corrupt payments of money. Mr. Aylesworth has read the evidence and knows also that Mr. Fielding, when questioned as to the amount he paid to the Speaker of the Nova Scotia legislature toward Shelburne Queen's contests, refused to answer questions, claiming that he was acting under instruction of counsel. Mr. Aylesworth may regard it as a case of perjury when a minister claiming a seat in the House is asked such questions as were put to Mr. Fielding, and when a petitioner asks the privilege of proving his personal connection with corrupt transactions. The country will be likely to believe that such perjury is wholesome and necessary if we are ever to have pure politics or decent fair play in elections.

STILL DEFENDING CRIMINALS.

Mr. Aylesworth has defended many criminals in his day. The Home government of Ontario had the benefit of his services professional and political, during those inquiries and prosecutions which brought that ministry to a disgraceful end. It is quite natural for him to appear before the East Elgin electors as a defender and apologist of the whole array of scandals revealed last evening. The Minister of Justice cured the Elgin electors that no wrong was proved in the case of the "Archie." He seemed to be satisfied with the payment of double the price for supplies on that ship, and with the numerous swindles in the purchase of machinery and equipment through middlemen by the Marine Department.

THESE ARE ALL RIGHT.

It does not worry the Minister of Justice that a \$10,000 order of panama is bought at \$1.25 a pound when the largest concern in Canada manufacturing those goods is prepared to sell the same thing for thirty-five cents; he is satisfied that the three year supply of some kinds of food should be bought for a ship starting on a three years' trip, to be followed by

an annual visit of a supply vessel; it pleases him that a go-between should receive \$500 from the Marine Department for Starbuck engines and regularly at retail jobbers' prices for \$255; the minister has no fault to find with the middleman's profit \$3,500 on a purchase for the government of \$4,075 worth of lead, he is prepared to defend the equipment of a government ice-breaking steamer with some \$3,000 worth of silver plate and cut glass for the table; he is pleased with the purchase of a government which buys for the light-house service a sufficient quantity of steel files to last half a century at a profit to the middleman of something over one hundred per cent.

GREAT SPHERE FOR A CRIMINAL LAWYER.

Sir Wilfrid never needed more than now a distinguished and resourceful criminal lawyer to defend the various departments. He needs one not only for these things but to justify the promotion of officials who have been convicted of stealing and of various other frauds.

It is lovely to have a Minister who can one day insist that a certain amendment to the Sunday Bill utterly destroys its force and value, and nine days later will accept the same amendment from the same member with exuberant professions of gratitude to the promoter.

NOTES.

The Minister of Finance and his colleagues of the Tariff Commission are doing nothing in the way of the revision of the customs duties. They are still worrying over the results of Mr. Fielding's election trial.

The Wounds of a Friend.

(Montreal Gazette.)

That the country is turning against some of the things which have been forcibly thrust into notice in connection with the Laurier Government's administration is forcibly illustrated in a somewhat notable article of the Vancouver Province, of September 8. The Province is one of the best papers in British Columbia. It is Liberal in its tendencies, and has enough of independence to point out where and how Liberals are going harm to the party cause. Some time since currency was given to a curious report that the King, by the hand of his brother, the Duke of Connaught, was to send an autograph letter to the Canadian Prime Minister. This the Province regards as a high and deserved tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whom it regards with esteem and respect, and much else, and then it rejoices in the prospect that has come to the country during the years that he has been at the head of the Government, and gives him praise therefor. Up to this point so friendly is the tone of the article that it might have been written by a man expecting a job and doing what he could to see it in the approved way. The prophet changes his tone, however, comes to say smooth things and proceeds to say what is rough and stern. The article goes on, that, though the Government has done some things well, it has not made the use of its opportunities to the extent that was expected. Here is an extract:

OVERSEAS MAIL REACHES QUEBEC.

The Overseas Mail train reached Quebec Friday two hours ahead of its schedule time and an hour later the C. P. steamer Empress of Britain was on her way down the St. Lawrence for Liverpool. The Overseas train left Vancouver Monday night 17th at 7 o'clock six hours behind its schedule and arrived at Quebec Friday at two o'clock having covered the equivalent in 80 days allowing three hours for the difference in time, or at an average speed of 25 miles an hour. This is a new distance record for an unbroken trip by sea continuous land. The dispatches have crossed the equator in the mail train over 72,000 miles and three-fourths of the mileage has been made sharp on time leaving the Empress of Britain plenty of leeway to meet the optimal mail within the stipulated thirty days. The Empress carried 120 first class passengers of whom 17 came from the Queen's Island 110 second class and 100 third. Canadian Pacific officials are naturally delighted over the new achievement of a feat that some legislators are beyond accomplishment.

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Canadian Parliament have witnessed the spectacle of a whole legislature being to support a measure which is in direct antagonism to the constitution of the country. The position of political corruption flowing from the Cabinet has incidentally infected the whole people, and everywhere throughout Canada today we find that all offices from the lowest to the highest are practically exposed for sale to the highest bidder. Partisan service or political influence seems to govern all appointments from the judiciary downwards, and the officials of the country hardly profess to discharge their duties as they realize that they do not owe their positions to merit and will not be deprived of them for cause.

This is sweeping, more sweeping in some parts than many will think is justified. It may be excused perhaps on the ground that a friend's anger, if slow to kindle, may when kindled be better than that of the enemy. No one who has seen or learned from those who were in the country at the time will hold, however, that a word should be withdrawn from the condemnation of what went on in the Yukon and what, to some extent, goes on there yet. The Province article says:

"The first ministerial lapse from political virtue was probably in connection with the administration of the affairs of the Yukon district. The disorganized condition of that region during the first years of the rush thitherward of gold seekers made it an easy and productive field for the operation of corrupt public officials. It is now known beyond possibility of denial that much of the wealth of the district which should have rewarded the hardy adventurers who developed its resources was distributed among the favorites of the Government and that no inconsiderable proportion of it found its way to the federal capital. The spoliation of the Yukon which was accomplished with such success prompted those who had participated in the plunder to seek other and equally profitable ventures in various parts of the Dominion. The fame of the Northwest Territories as the great wheat-producing country of the world and the efforts of the Government in advertising the opportunities which there awaited settlers have resulted in that enormous region being very rapidly peopled. The administration of the Lead Department of what are now the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan was largely conducted in the interests of speculators who had claims upon the consideration of the Government. But apart from these direct assaults upon the assets of the people a thousand ways of robbing the public were discovered and made effective by shrewd and enterprising ministers of the crown. The history, so far as we have it, of the inception and operation of the North Atlantic Trading Company is a fair instance of the methods adopted by piratical politicians."

This, it is to be remembered, is the condemnation of a friend, who hoped for and expected better things from his party and who speaks in measure because he wants the evil stopped. It indicates how recent events have affected public opinion, and shows what men who are not blind partisans are thinking of the results of ten years of Liberal administration. The Province holds that since all the evil it has allowed to the name of the Wilfrid Laurier remains unscathed. It is hard to turn a leaf from the heart in which it has been so nourished. They are becoming fewer and fewer, however, who agree with the view that the evil it has allowed to the name of the Wilfrid Laurier remains unscathed. It is hard to turn a leaf from the heart in which it has been so nourished. They are becoming fewer and fewer, however, who agree with the view that the evil it has allowed to the name of the Wilfrid Laurier remains unscathed.

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Great Britain, in front of the largest crowd ever gathered at the Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, was successful in not only beating her own record of 2,500, but in establishing a new testing mark for the country. Her mile of 2:00 1/2 quarter of a second better than the time Crosson made there in 1891, when he became champion trotter of the world.

The Empress of Britain and the Empress of Ireland, the new liners of the C. P. R. will be placed on the Liverpool. St. John service this coming season and will not call at Halifax. On the other hand the Albatross, the Victoria and the Victoria will call at Halifax only. This arrangement has caused great interest in shipping circles.

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A head-on collision occurred on the Grand Trunk at Charlottetown, near Charlottetown, Monday, between a street car and a freight special which brought a fatality to the street car, was caught in the street and fatally killed, and the engineer, fireman and one brakeman of the freight special were seriously injured. Fireman Wright, on the freight special died.

Rescuee M. Snow, assistant postmaster at Empire near Portland was brought to the last named city under arrest the other day by U. S. Deputy Marshall Winfield Sharpe, to await trial charged with breaking the postal laws, the specific violation of which in this case is novel. Snow is accused of stealing \$20 worth of postage stamps and using them to pay for goods for the same man.

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