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A GREAT DEMONSTRATION

The most remarkable political demonstration in the history of St. John was that of last evening, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was acclaimed by thousands in the streets, and other thousands in the great Victoria Rink, which was closely packed with people a full hour before the speakers started from the Royal Hotel. A journalist who has been with the premier since he opened his campaign at Simcoe told the Times that there was as great enthusiasm at the St. John meeting as at any other since the tour began, and Sir Wilfrid himself said that not even at the great meeting in Quebec had he been more impressed by the demonstration. Not only were St. John people out en masse, but several thousands arrived during the day from points as far away as Northumberland, Kent, Carleton and Madawaska counties. It was a remarkable tribute to a great statesman, and the greeting extended also to Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Lowell left no doubt in the minds of thoughtful observers that St. John is solid for Laurier and larger markets, and for the government which is building up St. John.

If any Conservatives had gathered from their reading of the Standard that a feeble and despairing old man was making his last pathetic appeal to the people, they must have been undeceived last night. The Victoria Rink is an extremely difficult place in which to address an audience, especially one that has waited for hours, but Sir Wilfrid's voice rang clear, and his manner was that of a man of great force and vigor, inspired by a public tribute such as comes only to one held in the highest honor by his fellow countrymen.

From every part of the province representative Liberals had come, and they will return to their homes to tell their friends that all this tory talk about the tide setting against the government is utterly without foundation. They saw for themselves such a demonstration in St. John as never before greeted a political leader in the whole history of the city. That is the answer to the statements of the tory press and speakers, and it will send a thrill of enthusiasm and of the fighting spirit throughout the Liberal ranks all over the province of New Brunswick.

The speeches last night were clear and business-like statesments, addressed to intelligent and reasonable men and women. They dealt chiefly with the great question of reciprocity, the paramount issue in this campaign, but they also referred very properly to the development of the port of St. John as a part of the forward policy of the Liberal government. Sir Wilfrid's presentation of the case for reciprocity was singularly clear and forcible. He pointed out that the benefits to be derived were so obvious that no argument was needed; but, lest there should be some doubt as to the nature of the benefits, he dealt with the question of trade in natural products, and presented clear illustrations to supplement those given by Dr. Pugsley, who referred especially to the trade in lumber and fish.

Neither of the speakers made any attempt to follow the Conservatives in the tortuous windings of their course, and their efforts to conjure up something wherewith to frighten the people; but they did deal effectually with the disloyalty cry, and with the record of the Conservatives in relation to the British preference. Dr. Pugsley was able to catch Mr. Powell very neatly in his attempt to make capital for himself by making an utterly unfounded charge against the American people, and Mr. Lowell showed how hollow are the pretentions of Hon. Robert Maxwell as a critic of Liberals and their policy. The statement which Dr. Pugsley made concerning the works at Courtenay Bay gave the greatest satisfaction to his hearers.

But that which most impressed all who were present was the fine spirit of the great meeting, and the significance of the tribute paid to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal candidates. It was a revelation of feeling that will infuse greater energy and enthusiasm into the fight in every constituency. Mr. Sifton, Mr. Foster and Mr. Borden may come and go, but New Brunswick will be true to her allegiance, and true to her best interests, which are represented by the distinguished statesman who aroused so much popular enthusiasm in this city yesterday.

MR. SIFTON AND OTHERS

Hon. Clifford Sifton will be in St. John today, to tell the people that reciprocity will injure Canada. Mr. Sifton is associated with Mr. Bourassa, in the attempt to defeat Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Now what does Mr. Bourassa tell us about reciprocity? Does he agree with Mr. Sifton? On the contrary, he says:—

"A measure of reciprocity, both broad and prudent between Canada and the United States, is natural; it is in conformity with the political traditions and the economic needs of Canada. Kept within proper limits, it affords great advantages to our agriculture and to all the industries derived from the exploitation of natural resources, without threatening our commercial independence, our political autonomy or our attachment to the Empire."

The Times commends to Mr. Sifton these statements by his present political ally. They are also commended to the thoughtful attention of Mr. Bourassa's St. John allies, Dr. Daniel and Mr. Powell.

Mr. Sifton also contends in one breath that by reciprocity Canada is turning her back on the Empire, and at the same time is opening her markets to the whole British Empire. How can both statements be true? And, as the Montreal Witness well observes:—

"This about turning our backs upon England comes very queerly from a party that never lifted a finger to increase England's trade with us, and that opposed the preference in trade which the Liberals conceded to her."

It will be noted, also, that Mr. Sifton is not a candidate in this election, upon which so much depends, nor is he delivering his speeches in the west, where he is best known, and where the feeling in favor of reciprocity is perhaps even stronger than it is in the east. The poor Mr. Sifton was progressive. The rich Mr. Sifton is reactionary. The Conservatives welcome his aid, just as they do that of Mr. Bourassa and Joe Martin. "Anything to beat Laurier."

Touching the matter of flags, there were a few at Victoria Rink last evening.

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Perhaps Mr. Sifton will tell the people why he is not campaigning in the west.

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The political enemies of Dr. Pugsley must have spent a gloomy evening.

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The Standard's ridicule of private citizens will not strengthen its cause in this campaign.

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Dr. Silas Alward was greeted with cheers at the rink last evening as he took his place on the platform.

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Mr. Sifton should have postponed his visit for a few days. The contrast will be too striking.

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The white plume has a fairly large following in St. John, and the number is growing.

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St. John needs a larger auditorium. Even on a drizzly night, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the attraction, there should be seats for at least ten thousand people.

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Hon. John Morrissy was greeted with hearty cheers at the Rink last evening. Mr. Morrissy's son is campaigning vigorously for Mr. Loggie in Northumberland.

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The Liberals in this constituency should be encouraged by yesterday's demonstration to work harder than ever to elect both their candidates by a very large majority.

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It is only necessary for those who witnessed the Laurier demonstration yesterday to read the Standard's account of it, and so learn how false and misleading is all of the political news in that paper.

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The Conservatives hope to win this fight with noise. The Standard is greatly cheered because the people listened to the Liberal speakers at the rink last evening instead of shouting all the time themselves. It intimates that there was much more noise at the Hazen banquet. It may be, but the Standard will perhaps hear something drop on the night of Sept. 21st, causing a considerable commotion on Prince William street.

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When Sir Wilfrid Laurier rose to speak at the rink last evening several Conservatives grouped in one portion of the building got up and went out, making much more noise than was necessary. They were evidently there for that purpose, but if they had hoped to create an impression favorable to the cause of their party they were greatly disappointed. In that vast audience of thousands there was the keenest desire to hear the premier's address. The only reason for calling attention to discourtesy shown to so distinguished a visitor as the prime minister of Canada, by even one individual, is to express the hope that no Liberal in this campaign will follow so bad an example. So far as the Liberal party are concerned, they may rely upon the justice of their cause, and leave the meaner tactics to the meaner party.

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—Richard Watson Gilder.

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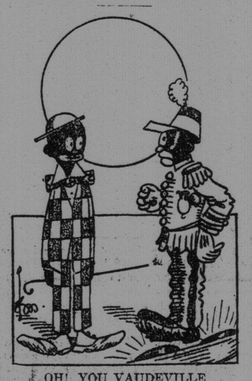

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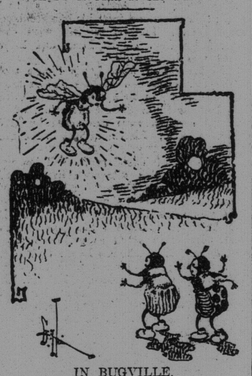
"You'se can't marry my sistah. She's a lady ob rank!"

"Well I's as rank as she am!"



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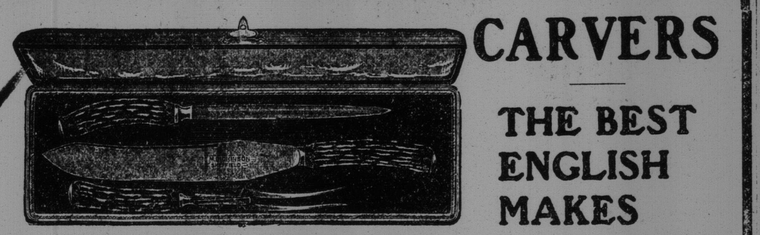

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