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THE GOVERNMENT DEFEATED

That the Laurier administration should go down in defeat in Thursday's election was a genuine surprise to the Liberal party and equally so to the victors. Surely, never was there an overthrow so complete. The country has spoken against reciprocity and the immense campaign fund contributed by the Canadian American and English interests did its work.

Laurier was not gloriously defeated. The administration passed while in the height of its success. It sank not in retreat, as did the Tupper administration in 1896, nor was it on its defence in any way. It went to the polls on the question "Shall we have this thing, or shall we not?" Do you want this policy and us, or do you want no trade with Americans and Borden? There is much speculation as to what inspired the answers to these questions. If we judge by the means used in the attempt to defeat Mr. Carvell, we should say the victory was by good organization, and a huge campaign fund placed in constituencies where it was most needed. While the Liberal Conservatives put up a show of a slim fund before election day, they made prodigal use of money when the voters came round. This they do not deny.

But to be able to accept defeat gracefully is in itself a victory.

What Big New York Dailies Say

The Times says editorially: Again the hands of the clock have been set back. Prejudice and delusion have triumphed in Canada: the best government the Dominion has had in many years has been overthrown, and her ablest statesman has been deprived of his leadership. The opposition to reciprocity treaty was partly economical, and largely sentimental, and based on false sentiment at that.

The American, under the caption "Trust and Demagogues Triumph," says: The defeat of reciprocity in Canada is as unexpected as it is lamentable. Laurier is a constructive statesman, the ablest man in the Dominion. It is evident that he overestimated the intelligence and foresight of the people. Instead of rallying to progress and international fellowship they resorted to narrowness, prejudice and graft. The darkest shadow on the election of yesterday is the triumph of the American trust in Canadian politics. The trusts won yesterday as they won so often in the United States and by the same methods. We have routed them at last in the Republic. At the first invasion the Canadian voter goes before the money and the method of the American trusts. It will be many years before they free themselves from the shameful yoke.

The Tribune says: The Canadian voters have evidently been governed more by prejudice than by reason in rejecting a friendly trade agreement by which Canada and United States would have undoubtedly have profited. Yet the people of the Dominion are entitled to their own opinion as to the effects of a compact intended to bring the two countries into closer commercial relations and if they believe that the political dangers of such an association of interests would outweigh its admitted economic advantages it is not for the people of United States to quarrel with that decision.

Carvell Elected.

Frank B. Carvell has been declared elected by eleven majority to represent the county of Carleton in the house of commons.

Many of Mr. Smith's friends were of the opinion that when the boxes were opened it would be found that he had a majority. Rumors of every kind have been afloat since the 21st. The ballot boxes were opened by Returning Officer John Farley and after adding up the figures, as sent in by the deputy returning officers, Mr. Farley declared Frank B. Carvell elected by a majority of eleven votes. Mr. Carvell on rising to speak, received a grand ovation. He said he found himself in a peculiar position, that of a man who finds the government he supports defeated while he himself is elected. He wishes to thank his friends who worked nobly for him. He was sorry that the votes of the people had been against reciprocity, for he believed that reciprocity would have been a great boon to Canada, more especially perhaps to the maritime provinces than to the west.

Canada was a great and growing country, and he did not hesitate in saying that he firmly believed that the nation's growth had received a severe setback by the down-fall of reciprocity.

He was sorry to see the government go down, but he was especially sorry for one man, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who had guided Canada's destiny for so long, and whose every motive for forty years has been in the interest of Canada and Canadians; he has been defeated, but in a noble cause.

This question is not settled; the common people of Canada have no idea of letting the trust rule them. They will continue to demand the right to buy and sell in the best markets.

He thanked the electors again for their splendid support through a strenuous contest, and assured them that he would work just as hard in the interest of Carleton, as he had in the past. While his position in the house would be different, he would do all he could for the people he represented. Mr. Carvell took his seat amid tremendous applause.

B. F. Smith, on rising, was well received. He spoke briefly and declared that it was not yet settled who had been elected. If it would not be settled until a recount of the ballots had been made, and he intended to ask for a recount on the grounds of rejected ballots.

There were, according to the official figures, forty-five ballots spoiled and thirty-four rejected, and it is on account of these that Mr. Smith is demanding a recount.

It is not thought that the recount will reduce Mr. Carvell's majority by a single vote.

The Lucky Lottery.

An old farmer one day called at a roadside public-house where he was well known. The landlady asked him to buy a ticket for a lottery they had on there. "Well," he said, "I have bought in my pocket, or I might."

"Oh, that's a rest, John," she said. "Take the ticket and pay for it any time."

Some time later John called again and the landlady asked him if he knew who had won the lottery.

"No," he said. "Who won?"

"Well I hardly durst tell you, but our Sam won. Wasn't he lucky?"

"Ay," said John, "he was lucky. And who was second then?"

"Who would you think, now?" she said. "I couldn't say," said John.

"Well it was Sally. Wasn't she lucky?"

"Ay, she was lucky," said John. And who was third?"

"Well," she said, "I might as well tell you, I was third. Wasn't I lucky?"

"Ay, you was. Did I ever pay you for that ticket, missus?"

"No, John, you didn't," she said, fawning upon him.

"Well," said John, "ain't I lucky?"

Carrying the Grain

Advises from the West are not encouraging respecting the phenomenal wheat crop as they were a few weeks ago. It is not expected to reach the two hundred million bushels, but will not be far short. It is interesting in this connection to note how many cars were used in the transportation of the grain for the twelve months ending August. During this period nearly a hundred thousand cars were used for the purpose, and the following shows the percentage handled by each railway.

C. P. R.—57,615 cars, 60 percent.
C. N. R.—30,677 cars, 32 percent.
G. T. P. R.—6,970 cars, 7 percent.
G. Northern—1,199 cars, 1 percent.
From this table it will be seen that the C. N. R. is yearly increasing its share of the transportation in Western Canada, and with the introduction of the G. T. P. when finally completed, it is expected that there will be further levelling up.

Houlton Suffers Again from Fire

HOULTON, ME., Sept. 10.—A fire alarm was rung in from box 34 for a fire which started in a nest of little wooden buildings back of Lane & Pierce's store. This is one of the fire traps which Houlton possesses, and which are being gradually burned down. These buildings were used as store-houses by the various firms on the south of Market square, and the spaces around and between them have for years been littered with straw and paper, making an ideal fire trap. At the time the fire started there was a brisk northwest wind blowing, and before the fireman got there the blaze had spread in and around the little buildings so that about ten minutes after the fire started it looked as if Houlton was in for another big conflagration. This nest of buildings consisting of stores occupied by the West End Drug store, Frank Blethen, Jeweller, S. Newhouse, clothing and G. A. Hall, carriages and harnesses, were grouped in such a manner that it was impossible for the fireman to get around them, but the blaze was stopped at the alley way between G. A. Hall's and Clark's hotel. The total loss of property is estimated at \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Mormons

The attention of several clergymen of St. John N. B. has been called to the distribution of a pamphlet bearing the title "A Friendly Discussion Upon Religious Subjects," which contains the articles of Mormon faith, and long arguments in favor of their doctrine. It is expected that the ministers will take up the question.

UPPER BRIGHTON

Garston Day is spending a few days with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Luskey and family spent Sunday at Simonds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall and son Alton of Malden, Mass., have been spending a few days with Mrs. Charles Carr.

John Nevers, who has been ill, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Chase, of New York, who has been spending a few days at Perth, is now in Carleton.

Berry Nevers of Perth has been spending a few days with Chester Carr.

Miss Eddy Craig is spending a few days in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Day spent a day in Fredericton.

Mrs. Blackie and granddaughter Anna, are visiting at Portland.

BARGAINS

every day in the week at Carr's. He is selling out.

The Real Reason.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the Government food expert, was discussing in Washington the fall in the price of meat.

"The reason given us for this fall are ludicrous," said Dr. Wiley. "They are as ludicrous as the young woman's reason for avoiding tight lacing."

"Is tight lacing unwise?" her teacher asked this young woman in a physiology lesson.

"Yes, it is, very unwise," was the reply.

"But why do you wear it?" the teacher asked.

"Because it looks the correct," said the young woman.

"No Room for Doubt."

The afternoon was warm, holidays were approaching, and the teacher was almost worn out in trying to draw the elements of grammar into the wooden columns of her pupils.

"Now, Johnny," she said wearily, "tell me—would it be proper for you to say 'You can't learn me nothing'?"

"Johnny looked thoughtful for a moment, and then replied in a tone of conviction: 'You can't learn me nothing'."

The teacher sighed.

"Why, Johnny, she asked, 'Tell me, what is the correct form?'"

"And now that you have come quick and pat," said the teacher, "can you get it?"

"Can you get it?" said Johnny, the unhappy child.

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