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HON. WILFRID LAURIER'S PRE-
EMINENT ABILITIES RECOG-
NIZED BY HIS OP-
PONENTS.

With defeat staring the men in power at Ottawa in the face, the decree has gone forth that a last effort must be made to save them. That effort is made by a journalist apologist of the high tax leaders. It attempts to throw the blame for the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs on Hon. Mr. Laurier and the Liberal party. "The friends of trade freedom do not wish to fight the election on the political record of the men in power," is its argument; "they want to have a sectional war; therefore, they have not settled the Manitoba school question."

Was there ever a grosser travesty of the facts? Mr. Laurier did not keep the Manitoba school question unsettled for years; the men in power have done so. Mr. Laurier did not refuse to settle the Manitoba school difficulty; he has not yet been given the power to do so; he has permitted his opponents to have a free hand, in hope that they would do so, or withdraw their foolish remedial order, and permit Manitoba to act freely. If the men in power at Ottawa cannot settle the question in an equitable manner, they should resign.

Mr. Laurier exercises that power they rightly give him the credit of settling. Mr. Laurier is a statesman; we feel assured he would do this and every other question before him in a statesmanlike manner.

Mr. Laurier did not issue the remedial order on Manitoba, which even his most ardent supporters of Sir Macdougall have denounced as blundering and altogether unwarranted. Mr. Laurier, if empowered to act, as he is now, will not take up a wholly untenable position one day, lash public opinion into a fury over it, and then endeavor to sneak away from it by asserting that the decree of his Government really was not to be taken as meaning anything beyond a mere suggestion.

It is a gross libel of Mr. Laurier and his followers to say that they desire to foment a sectional war over the Manitoba school question. As we know the supporters of trade freedom in this Province, they have resisted with all their might the dragging of sectional issues into either the Provincial or the Dominion arena—witness the last Provincial campaign, when the entire Conservative leadership was organized in an effort to turn out Sir Oliver Mowat through a sectional cry. As we know the Liberal leader, he is one of the most tolerant, fair-minded of men who has ever headed a great party. His expressed determination has been to have the school question settled, not as a political issue, but as a matter of justice. If, as is professed by Conservative newspapers, he is the one man who can settle the question in a manner satisfactory to all parties, the only course left open for them is to counsel the blunderers at Ottawa to make way for him.

LONDON OF TODAY.

The editor of the American Sheep-Breeder of Chicago has been on a visit to Ontario. He speaks very highly of Ontario, and of the farm stock to which his publication relates. He tarried at London for a time, while he visited the sheep flocks of Messrs. John Geary, R. W. Stevens, Capt. T. E. Robson, Gibson & Walker, J. H. Patrick, F. H. Neil and Wm. Oliver. Of the city he says it could not be more fortunately located. Possessing as it does a matchless tributary country for business, it is, says this United States authority, a city "beautiful and metropolitan in aspect." "London itself," he adds, "is the third city in Ontario, and is essentially a farmers' and breeders' metropolis. It has 35,000 people, half a dozen railways and a splendid commerce, is located on the historic Thames, and is probably the largest and best city in America purely the creation of rural industry. It easily manages to make up one of the largest annual agricultural, mechanical and stock shows in America, and is a sociable, solid, hospitable and democratic city, whose very atmosphere is benediction to the stranger." That is genuine appreciation.

Mr. Chapleau is a wise man if he waits until after the coming election to decide about a Cabinet position, says the Toronto Star. That is apparently what Mr. Chapleau means to do. He will never hitch himself up to the hand wagon of Mackenzie Bowell.

POINTS.

The leading Conservative paper in Quebec, La Minerve, pleads that the seat vacated by Mr. Girouard, M.P., ought to be filled without any "political divisions." It is anything to avoid a straight fight these days. La Minerve recollects that the seat held by the late Sir John Thompson was captured by a Liberal as soon as he died, while the Conservative majority in Westmoreland, which was over 2,000 five years ago, was almost wiped out in the recent bye-election. Though the Conservative majority in Jacques Cartier was several hundred when last the seat was contested, there is no telling how big the Liberal majority will be in the coming contest!

Sir Walter Wilkin, the new Lord Mayor of London, is a lawyer. He served as sheriff in the year in which occurred the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of York, in connection with which he received the honor of knighthood. Sir Walter only lords it over a small portion of the 5,000,000 inhabitants contained in the greater London. The city embraces but a narrow space of the British metropolis. The real head center is the chairman of the London County Council.

Five thousand dollars was spent for the favors given in dancing the German at one of the Newport balls this summer. At the same ball \$20,000 was spent on flowers. At Topeka a short time ago, a man was arrested for burying the corpse of his baby in the back yard. The family were starving and had no money to hire an undertaker.

The Legislature of South Carolina has resolved that there shall be no divorce for any cause whatsoever. Oklahoma Territory goes to the other extreme.

Before he left London for Oxford University, Mr. Arthur J. Stringer issued a second volume of poems, which reflect the greatest credit on him. Some of the verses have the impress of hurry, but many beautiful thoughts are embodied in others. Here is a worthy selection from the piece, "To One Who Sorrowed at Transient Silence":

The stone that gleams beneath the sea,
Takes on a two-fold brilliancy;
Still held within two curious hands,
The gazer never understands
How much the green translucent wave
Unto the sea-stone beauty gave.
There is a light illumines not;
And better to remain untaught,
Than better for some idle lore
The old enchantment held of yore.
Cast back that pebble in the sea
You gathered up so hastily,
And in its watery depths afar,
Still make the stone once more a star.

Another strong poem is that entitled "Lovers," which reads:

The soul of a man, like a wind-blown leaf,
Was wafted up to the brink of heaven
It shriveled and grayed in its abject grief,
Where the golden bars were seven.

"Poor soul," said the Angel of Life,
"Why weep?"
Why prone by the golden bars?
Glide in through the gate to the Land of Sleep,
Be lulled by the song of the stars."

The soul of the man laughed bitterly,
And turned to his old-time earth;
"No land of eternal dreams for me,
Nor the vale of eternal mirth."

But give me that gray-eyed girl again,
That I loved on my ancient earth;
Then cast us down to the great Inane,
And exact what the love is worth."

"Strange!" said the Angel of Life,
aloud,
As she counted a century's span,
And two souls sank through a far-off cloud;
"But such are the ways of man."

There is genius in this effusion, which may develop into a high order. It is apparent that in the race for pre-eminence in Canadian verse-making our talented fellow-townsmen must be reckoned with. Will the historic halls of the great English university afford congenial soil for a further growth of his genius?

Sir Hector Langevin and Thos. H. McGreevy, M.P., are in the city.—Ottawa dispatch.

They still "grow in beauty side by side."

If you have a few tons of whalebone on hand you will make money. This article of commerce sold the other day in Dundee, Scotland, the headquarters for the Arctic whale fishing steamships, for \$6,500 per ton.

The excuse for the outbreak and subsequent slaughter in Constantinople is that the Armenians began it. There is evidence, however, that the Turks were only too ready to shoot down their Christian fellow-citizens. They always act with them as did the wolf, when he maintained that he had to eat up the sheep because she had insulted him. The Turk has no business to pose as a civilized ruler. He is out of place in Europe. He should go!

SCHOOL STRAP REVIVAL.

The strap revival is the latest phase of Toronto school management. In the earlier days the strap was the chief institution of the school, and was among the most lasting memories of the plastic period of learning. The teacher who wanted to punish a boy simply reached for him. Lately the boy's feelings have been consulted on such matters. Now the boy, according to the finding of the management committee, is disfranchised.—Toronto Globe.

ARE OUR INDIANS JAPS?

A "Congress of Americanists" will assemble in the City of Mexico on the 15th inst. The gathering will be called on to pronounce upon one remarkable paper—that written by Leopoldo Batres, official curator of Mexican antiquities. Mr. Batres will attempt to demonstrate that Mexico was originally peopled from Africa and Asia. He will present an Indian of each of the various races now existing in the country, of Otomi, Tarascan, Maya, Aztec, etc., origin, with a Chinaman and a Japanese, and show viva voce the similarity of languages. Mr. Batres will attempt to show that the Mayas of Yucatan are of Japanese origin, the Toltecs of Chinese origin, and that some of the other races are of Hindoo extraction. The linguistic test will be the Lord's Prayer, recited by each of his living Indian specimens, so that the comparison of their languages can be made practically by the congress. According to the Mexican Herald, it is the opinion of the learned antiquarian that the Mexican Indians are mainly of Mongolian origin, and pertains, as he terms it, to the yellow skin family.

There may be a closer affinity between the American Indian and the clever new nation of the East than may at first sight appear probable. It is not difficult to imagine that at one time the Japanese islanders and the original residents of this great continent were cousins of one grade or another.

In Table Talk for October a number of household subjects are touched upon. The culinary interests are treated in the Housekeepers' Inquiry Department, where a large number of good recipes are given. The fashions and whims of today are mentioned in the "New Bill of Fare," and under fashionable luncheon and tea toilets, while other points of equal interest are to be found in the article on the "Kindergarten Influence." Table Talk, Philadelphia, Pa.

Among the many delightful contents of St. Nicholas is to be found this month an article young and old will read with interest—a sketch of the life of J. G. Brown, "the child painter," with reproductions of some of his popular pictures. Elbridge S. Brooks concludes "A Boy of the First Empire"; James Otis gives another chapter of the adventures of "Teddy and Carrots"; Brander Mathews talks about James Russell Lowell, and the table of contents is varied by prose, poetry, history and romance in the fashion that has made St. Nicholas a necessity in every well-regulated home. New York: The Century Company.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of the State of Trade in Canada.

Toronto, Oct. 4.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: In Montreal the wholesale distribution partakes of a moderate steady character in such leading staples as groceries, dry goods, hardware, cement, wool, etc., but in metals generally trade is by means satisfying. Country collections still furnish some grounds for complaint, but important failures are few, and improvement in remittances is reasonably looked for when farmers get through their fall field work and the marketing of crops becomes more general. Cotton and woolen fabrics show steady advance, and wool is firmer, though it has been found impossible to establish on spot the quiet, strong advance shown by the series of sales now in progress in London. Sugar, Japan and Indian black teas, show a hardening. In hides there is a disposition to ease off. Dairy products do not improve in value. For hay there is increasing American inquiry.

There is no special feature of importance to note at this time. The whole sale trade has been quiet, but there is an undertone of confidence which bodes well for the future. Payments are fair. There is a firmer market for wheat, with an advance of 2 cents for the week. The receipts of barley are unusually small, and the outlook is gloomy. The quantity of malting or exportable barley this year is smaller than ever, owing to dislocation by bad weather during harvest. In fact they have better barley across the border than we have, and the shipments will be light. The bulk of the Ontario crop is likely to be fed to live stock. The sugar market is very firm, and metals also show a tendency to advance. Leather is a shade easier in many lines, and hides have been reduced. Money is abundant and easy. Commercial paper is discounted at 6 to 6 1/2, and call loans are quoted at 4 to 4 1/2 per cent. The failures for the week are 41, as against 29 for the same week of last year.

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