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Concerning The Octopus and Its Party.

It is a favorite pastime with Liberal newspapers through out the country to link the Borden Government with "the interests." A Tariff Commission was a prominent plank in Mr. Borden's platform. Without rhyme or reason the announcement was sent broadcast that the Commission was a sop to "the interests" to increase the tariff. The Government insisted that the customs regulations regarding lumber imported from the United States should be observed in order to remedy a disgraceful state of affairs which the late Government winked at. Again we are told "the interests" were being pleased. The following spasm emanating from the Scott Government organ in Saskatchewan, while in the throes of the recent general election, is a fair specimen of this style of political warfare:

"With the advent of Premier Borden to power last September, the Big Interests Octopus, from its lair in Toronto, commenced to reach out boldly to fasten its blood-sucking tentacles upon the people of Canada. Now the Beast is hovering over Saskatchewan prepared to encircle this Province. Should Saskatchewan by change succumb to it and a Borden Haultain Government be placed in power, then nothing could prevent the Octopus from working its will upon the common people of Canada. The fight is between the Common People and the Big Interests Octopus, and for the Common People it is a fight for very life."

Commenting on this outburst, the Vancouver-News Advertiser thus administers a timely rebuke which puts the Grit organs where they belong. The Borden Government, it points out, has not long been in office, and any changes that have been made in the tariff by the Government are downwards. One of them was against the Big Cement Interest. The Big Interest was created during the Laurier regime, as was also the steel combine, the car combine, the cotton combine, the harvester combine, the nail combine and nearly all the great industrial amalgamations known as the Octopus. During this period of the creation of Big Interests the Scott Government was on excellent terms with the Octopus, and reposed in the friendly elasp of its tentacles.

Regulations For The Wireless.

Further safeguards to protect ships and passengers at sea will probably result from the deliberations of the International Conference on Wireless Telegraphy recently held in London. A resolution proposed by the British delegation, that the obligation to carry a wireless outfit should be imposed on certain classes of ships was unanimously adopted. It was suggested that the Governments agree to the adoption of a uniform base for legislation. Some of the new regulations suggested were that ships be provided with an auxiliary source of power, besides their engines which would be able to work the wireless for at least six

hours. The auxiliary power must be secured in a position entirely self contained.

In view of the risk of distress calls going unheard, in ships of the first class a permanent watch is to be required and at least two fully qualified operators must be carried. In second-class ships the operators must listen for the first ten minutes of every hour. In the smallest ships, such as fishing boats, etc., no regular periods of watch are prescribed. Each Government giving a license to carry wireless shall determine upon which class of ship it shall be placed. There are rules also for both ship and shore stations to suspend work and listen at the end of each quarter of every hour for distress calls. The operators of every ship will be placed specifically under the authority of the captain of such vessel.

Saskatchewan Election.

The news of the Liberal victory in Saskatchewan will be received with a general feeling of relief. Recent events had given ground for grave apprehension that the Liberal in politics had almost become extinct. The figures from the West indicate that the apprehension is unfounded. In fact Saskatchewan now looms up as a sort of political Algonquin Park for the preservation of the Liberal species. It would be too bad to have it become extinct, though it has deteriorated a good deal from the good Grit stock. In those days the species was celebrated for its thick skin and a rugged, ingrowing honesty. It will be recalled that the only clear Grit premier that ever reigned took posterity into his confidence by explaining in strict confidence that he had to practically sit on the treasury with a shotgun on his knees to prevent his colleagues breaking into it; while his colleagues' version was that they were only watching the strongbox and the premier. In the course of the evolution of the political species the rugged honesty of the clear Grit gave place to the showier but less dependable variety of Liberal, which bears about the same relation to the former strain as the electric seal does to the real article, or an Alaskan sable to an unplucked beaver.

Had the Haultain roundup on Thursday been successful, the Liberal might have vanished from the province like the buffalo or the mound builders, which would have been a disappointment to anthropologists. The supple, sinewy form of our own Dr. Gordon Henderson, appropriately labelled, might have been doomed to grace the shelves of the Victoria museum; while the youthful, but debonaire Hal McGivern might stalk through future years with a makeup like the prisoner of Chillon, muttering as he went: "My hair is white, but not with years," etc., being reverently regarded by the populace of another age and embalmed in romance by some "best seller" of posterity as the Last Of The Liberals.

From all such fateful possibilities have we been saved by the result in Saskatchewan.—Ottawa Citizen.

One motor car for every fifty five residents of Victoria is not a bad record of wealth. We doubt if it can be equalled in any other city in the world.—Victoria Colonist.

The versatility of the Canadian climate leaves nothing to be desired. On Dominion Day there was snow in New Brunswick, sunstroke in Ontario, cyclone in Saskatchewan, hail in Alberta and sunshine on the coast.—Vancouver Province.

In a burst of confidence Kermit Roosevelt stated to a Yankee politician: "Pop's being praying for Clark." This is conclusive evidence that Kermit has inherited his father's weakness—inability to keep his mouth shut when politicians are around.—Ottawa Free Press.

The party of British manufacturers now travelling in Canada said at Toronto that they had never imagined so vast a country. If this was their feeling when they had seen some of the Eastern Provinces what is left for them to say when they have seen Canada?—Vancouver News Advertiser.

It will be noticed that it was not "Champ's" outspoken annexation sentiments which lost him the nomination. They never seem to have been mentioned. Annexation is not now a question of practical politics in the United States. And it will not be until we either adopt reciprocity or allow the British navy to be obliterated.—Montreal Star.

The people of the United States have a pardonable pride in the growth and greatness of their big neighbor to the northward. No part of America is better governed. Rejoicing in the almost simultaneous anniversary reminder of our own independent outstart amongst the powers of the world we send the Lady of the Snows our heartiest greetings.—Phil. Record.

The contribution on Education, by Mr. Jos. F. Doyle, presented in another column, is worthy of careful perusal and serious consideration. Mr. Doyle is a teacher of long experience, and knows whereof he writes. The scheme outlined by him of impressing most firmly on the minds of pupils the necessity of thorough knowledge of the essential and practical elements in a common school education is well worthy of practical application. It is altogether likely that too little is actually known by the generality of parents of what progress their children are making in school, and of the capabilities of the teacher to bring them along. Very often, no doubt, the teacher suffers injustice because the ratepayers fail to look into what is doing in the school. Some such plan as that outlined would doubtless be of much benefit to pupils and teachers, and would bring about a better understanding among all concerned in the school. It appears to us the experiment is worth trying, and those at the head of our educational institutions would be well advised in testing it by actual trial.

Hearty Praise For Mr. R. L. Borden In England.

London, July 12.—The Right Hon. R. L. Borden and the other members of the Canadian ministry who are here are well pleased with the Canadian comments that have been made on the Premier's speech at the Royal Colonial Institute banquet. The utterances of the London press are considered more gratifying. There is no discordant note in connection with the plan outlined by Mr. Borden as the basis of Canada's co-operation.

The Times, after reviewing Premier Borden's speech, says:—"Believing never so fully in the paramount necessity of a single Imperial system of sea defence, Canada could not undertake no permanent share in that defence without a voice in the policy which shapes the issues of peace and war."

"Canada," Mr. Borden declared, in a phrase which deserves even wider circulation than that from which he adapted it is not an adjunct even of the British Empire. It is a nation with a nation's rights—a great part in greater whole; and if it is to take its pro-

per share in Imperial defence, it must have its proper voice in the relations of the Empire with foreign powers."

"Mr. Borden we think, need have no doubt of the spirit in which that most significant overture will be received. The principle upon which it is based, is becoming as clear to the people of this country as to their brethren over-seas and while they will realize that it cannot be worked out in practice without much tentative experiment and thought, they will insist upon some definite immediate advance toward giving it effect."

ALL MUST AGREE.

The Daily Chronicle, which is regarded as the mouthpiece of a section of the cabinet, says without reservation that all must find themselves in agreement with the terms and tone of Mr. Borden's excellent speech. Mr. Borden has shown a high and upright spirit in the matter, which the paper believes will be settled in accordance with Canadian autonomy and sentiments.

The Morning Post, which while a Tory organ, has for one of its directors the Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt, the colonial secretary, declares that the speech will be read with pleasure by all Englishmen. It is a sort of speech which helps them to think.

The same paper makes the following further interesting comment: "If Canada took her share in the responsibility for the basis of population, maintain something more than a battleship squadron, a cruiser squadron and a flotilla, on the same basis she would be entitled to have on the committee on Imperial policy, one vote to six given by the United Kingdom."

It is authoritatively stated that the next step in the negotiations with the Canadian Minister regarding the navy will be a conference with the First Lord of the Admiralty, and his advisers. This will be followed by another conference with navy experts. Mr. Borden will undoubtedly reserve the right to exercise his judgment as to the gravity of the situation on the basis of the facts submitted. The matter is being approached with great care and extreme frankness on both sides.

Premier Borden has declared to British statesmen and politicians his desire to observe a rigid abstention from the domestic politics of Great Britain. On this point the Daily News and Leader says: "The Canadian Ministers have been approached by many Tory organizations, with a request to take part in the agitation against Home Rule and Welsh disestablishment but they have acted with strict propriety. They have made it clear that they will have nothing to do with the domestic affairs of Britain. It is equally certain they make it clear to the government that we have no power to coerce them to contribute to the navy, except with the consent of the people of Canada."

Obituary.

Fertilized by the last Sacraments of the Catholic Church the soul of Annie, daughter of the late Francis Flanagan, of Vernon River, P. E. I., and wife of James J. Lannan, formerly of Summersville, P. E. I., now of Sharon, Mass., went to meet her Creator on Monday, June 24th, at 3 p. m. On Tuesday the remains were borne to Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Sharon, where funeral services were conducted at 4 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. Father Costello, after which the body was accompanied to Charlottetown, P. E. I., by her husband and two of her sisters, Stella and Rose, arriving on the express train on Wednesday night, thence to the home of Mrs. J. Hennessy, a cousin of the deceased, and on Thursday morning by carriage to St. Joseph's Church, Vernon River with Mr. J. Hennessy as undertaker. A Requiem Mass was sung by the pastor, Very Rev. Dr. Macdonell. Immediately after Mass all that was mortal of Missy was laid to rest in the church yard within sight of the home of her childhood. Wreaths of beautiful flowers, tokens of love and grief, were placed upon the coffin and afterwards upon the grave. The pall-bearers were William Cole, James Hinds, Andrew Murphy and Andrew Doyle. Numerous friends attended in Sharon, at Charlottetown, and at Vernon River, to pay for her soul and for a last look on the face of one who was always the friend of the friends. She passed from Charlottetown to Vernon River was also largely attended. Mrs. Lannan was thirty-three years of age and was married in 1905. R. L. P.

To her grief-stricken husband and surviving steps, brothers and friends, we extend our sincere sympathy.

"Ade then, in now, strange gates of great light, In beauty making type life's joyousness, There shall you meet, there shall you see, When earth is past, and all its crestedness." (Examiner and Patriot please copy.)

At Philadelphia, on Saturday last, the Rosedale Cricket Club of Toronto defeated the eleven of the Philadelphia Cricket Club by 136 runs. The Canadians in their first innings scored 162 to the Philadelphia's 122. In the second innings the visitors put together 213 runs, while the home team could make only 117.



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