

ROUSING MEETING LAST NIGHT OPENS THE FIGHT IN THE OLD NORTH END

Enthusiastic Audience Heard Fine Speeches From the Candidates, from Col. J. B. M. Baxter and Hon. Robt. Maxwell.

Speakers Plainly Showed that Reciprocity Would be Hindrance to Canadian Development and a Distinct Menace to Her National Life -- North End Sentiment Strongly in Favor of Conservatives.

That the people of St. John fully appreciate the magnitude of the issues involved in the present campaign was made manifest by the large attendance and great enthusiasm at the meeting held last evening in the old Temple of the North End, under the auspices of the St. John Conservative Club.

The reception given the Conservative candidates, Dr. Daniel and H. A. Powell, was inspiring, and their addresses on the issues of the contest were followed with great interest and frequently interrupted with loud applause.

J. B. M. Baxter and Hon. Robert Maxwell who also addressed the gathering, evoked round on round of applause. The hall was crowded to the doors, and many were unable to gain admission.

The St. John Conservative Club deserve great credit for the success of the meeting, the first public meeting to be held under its auspices; and if its campaign is attended with the same success in future, it will prove an important factor in carrying the Conservative standard to victory in St. John city and county.

In opening the meeting, President Westmore said the St. John Conservative Club was going into the fight with the determination to win. He was amused to read that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had compared the Liberal party to the kingdom of Heaven. Sir Wilfrid had remarked that all the people had to do was "To ask and ye shall receive."

The speaker thought another passage of Scripture respecting the kingdom of Heaven was not applicable to the Liberal party. That passage was "And thieves shall not break through and steal."

It was well known that one of the Liberal candidates in St. John had dipped his hands into the public treasury and then moved on to larger spheres of activity.

Continuing, the speaker declared that it was his conviction that Mr. Borden would be returned to power with a good majority. He was sure the farmers throughout the province were strongly opposed to reciprocity, and that a majority of the Conservative candidates in this province would be elected.

Col. J. B. M. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter was given a splendid reception. In opening he said he hoped the cheers were for the cause for the old flag which tradition and liberty had ennobled.

Reciprocity was not the only issue of the campaign. There would have been issues if Laurier and Taft had not launched the reciprocity issue. There would have been the issue of whether the affairs of the country should be administered in the interests of the people or IN THE INTEREST OF CERTAIN GENTLEMEN WHO WERE FOND OF CORRUPT PRACTICES AND EASY MONEY.

The Liberal government began well -- no Conservative need deny that. The old Conservative government had accumulated a number of barnacles, but no serious misappropriation of public moneys could be charged against it. Even the Hon. William could not point to any serious scandals, and he knew something about scandals. (Laughter.)

The Laurier administration came in as purists and economists. But how are they going out? Mr. Laurier defended Lanctot, the man who stole the public paint, and whom his constituents kicked out as soon as they got a chance. Laurier was also a warm defender of Mr. Pugsley.

The Lying Telegraph.

The Telegraph was claiming a great majority for the Laurier government and also for Mr. Pugsley and his associate, who was selected with such unanimity. His prophecy would have the same fulfillment as its prophecy in regard to the York bye election, when the Liberal candidate was snuffed under.

It was said reciprocity would be a great thing for the farmers. There were no farmers in St. John -- except Mr. Pugsley who farmed out the dredging. Hon. McKenzie King, the boy wonder, told the people of Blincoo the other day that reciprocity would enable the consumer to buy his food products cheaper. It was a hard problem to tell out how the farmer could get more money for his products while the consumer could get the same products for less money.

In the United States the farmers products ripened earlier. Under reciprocity the American farmers would come in and take the top off the season and Canadian farmers would find their home market greatly restricted.

Where St. John Will Lose.

Continuing the speaker pointed out

A STRAIGHT AND DEFINITE DECLARATION.

Mr. Borden has been straight and definite in his declarations against reciprocity. His policy, commercial as well as political, is summed up in that article of his manifesto which reads:

"We pledge ourselves to a course of policy and administration which will maintain independent and unimpaired the control of our own affairs by the Parliament of Canada; a policy which, while affording no just cause of complaint to any foreign nation, will find its highest ideal in the autonomous development of Canada as a nation within the British Empire."

That, coupled with the pledge to give the country an efficient and honest administration of its national affairs, in view of what has been disclosed of the Government's record should appeal to the people as being what is in their interest at this juncture, and the signs are that it is effectively appealing to them.

JOE MARTIN HANDS IT TO SIR WILFRID

Laurier Government a Public Nuisance From The Standpoint of Political Morality -- Rotten to The Core.

Winnipeg, Aug. 23.—Joe Martin has again jumped into Canadian politics, and has issued the following statement at a meeting today: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the past ten or twelve years has given Canada one of the worst administrations in the whole world. I know that there is more political corruption in Canada today than there has ever been, and a verdict in favor of the government would mean a continuation of this state of affairs."

"I AM HOPELESSLY AGAINST SIR WILFRID AND COLLEAGUES BECAUSE THEY HAVE REPUDIATED EVERY PRINCIPLE WHICH WAS IN THE PLATFORM OF THE LIBERAL PARTY WHEN IN OPPOSITION, and I think that when a political party abandons all pledges it is the duty of every real supporter of those pledges to vote for the other side."

"THE ADMINISTRATION IS VERY BAD ALL OVER CANADA, AND AS FAR AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA corruption is more open than in any other part. We have a political boss and a machine worse than the Tammany Hall of New York. ALL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, CONCESSIONS AND PRIVILEGES INCLUDING EVEN THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES ARE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC BIDDING AND GO TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS IS WELL PROVED BY HIM."

"In turn for this control of the patronage, the local boss in Vancouver year and has been publicly approved by Hon. Wm. Templeman, one of the members of the movement. The position of affairs from this standpoint is well known in England, and I am ashamed to say that CANADA FROM THE STANDPOINT OF POLITICAL MORALITY STINKS IN THE NOSTRILS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE OLD COUNTRY."

"This disgrace in my opinion, should be wiped out, and the only way to do it, is to turn the government out and bring in R. L. Borden. I do not believe in Mr. Borden's Conservative principles. I am as much opposed to the Conservatives as I ever was. I do believe however THAT MR. BORDEN IS AN HONEST MAN, AND IF RETURNED TO POWER WOULD CLEAN UP THE AEGEAN STABLE OF POLITICAL CORRUPTION. I believe in the motto of every patriotic Liberal to take this stand."

A day's work now on the campaign is worth a week's explanations after the election.

NOMINATED IN BERTHIER. Montreal, Aug. 23.—J. A. Barrette of Berthier, notary public, today received Conservative nomination for Berthier.

Arthur E. Clement notary public, of Montreal will again be the Liberal candidate.

TORONTO'S CONSERVATIVE CHIEFTAIN ADDRESSED HUGE GATHERING LAST NIGHT.

Issues Challenge to Laurier to Explain Taft's Statement That Canada is at The Parting of The Ways.

Toronto, Aug. 23.—Mr. R. L. Borden addressed a huge gathering here to night and was enthusiastically received. The leader of the opposition dealt chiefly as was expected with the reciprocity pact.

Mr. Borden in opening, expressed his appreciation of the magnificent reception tendered him, which he recognized was not so much a personal tribute as an expression of Toronto's disapproval of the Laurier government and maintenance of British connection. The voice of the majority in Toronto had in the past always been in unison at large, but this year Mr. Borden believed it would be in harmony with the rest of the Dominion in denunciation of the pact.

Referring to the prominent Toronto Liberals who signed a protest against reciprocity last spring, MR. BORDEN SAID THAT ALL HONOR WAS DUE TO THESE MEN AND THEIR PATRIOTISM WHICH PLACED THE WELFARE OF THEIR COUNTRY BEFORE PARTY TIES AND PARTY INTERESTS. It had been a great thing also, Mr. Borden said, to see men stand in Parliament last session and disapprove of the policy of their party because it menaced the welfare of the Empire.

The Conservatives in parliament had done their duty according to their lights, and it now depended upon the people to do their part by so deciding the question that the unity of Canada and its connection with the British Empire should be maintained.

Why should Canada accept a proposition sprung upon parliament without previous discussion by the press and the public? LAURIER AND FIELDING HAD BOTH STATED THAT NEVER WAS CANADA SO PROSPEROUS. THAT BEING THE CASE, IT WAS INCUMBENT UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE OUT A STRONG ARGUMENT UPON ECONOMIC GROUNDS BEFORE CANADA WAS PURSUED TO LEAVE THE SOLID GROUND UPON WHICH SHE HAD STOOD FOR FORTY YEARS TO ENTER UPON AN UNTRACED PATH.

Canada today was ready to make a favorable tariff agreement with Great Britain, but the Liberals were jeopardizing British connection by entering into a treaty by which the United States would get more favorable terms. CANADA WOULD BE HELPLESS IF THE RECIPROcity PROPOSALS WERE ALLOWED TO REACH THEIR ULTIMATE CONCLUSION.

"It is the best interests of Canada that her trade should be absolutely independent," declared Mr. Borden amid cheers. "Let the Canadian parliament make the Canadian tariff for Canada, and let the United States congress make for us. I don't doubt the loyalty of the Canadian people," said Mr. Borden. "If Canada deliberately interlocks her interests with those of the United States she will be led step by step into conditions which all her citizens could not change. The best time to withdraw is now before the threshold is reached."

Taking up President Taft's words, repeated on three district occasions, that Canada was at the parting of the ways, Mr. Borden challenged Sir Wilfrid Laurier to tell the country fully, truthfully and frankly what he understood Taft to mean and what was the other path for which Canada was expected to desert the way of progress and prosperity which she had travelled under the British flag.

CANADA PROSPERS NOW.

Canada's western wheat crop of 200,000,000 bushels is coming along fine. The weather is excellent, the farmers could ask for no better conditions. There is little danger of frost, and the rust damage is nil, and all signs point to an even greater production than the popular estimate.

Speculation is general in Manitoba, it has begun in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and under ideal conditions, Canada is prosperous now, and will be more so when the crop money is in; but the United States is passing into a period of deep depression, business is poor, especially in the north-eastern states, and prices have dropped so low on the New York Stock Exchange that the stock market has become demoralized. Since June United States stocks have decreased in value half a billion dollars.

The aim should be to make this a decent campaign. Muddling and mud digging are the privileges of the grafter press of Canterbury street.

YANKEE DOLLARS TO BUY CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR THE RECIPROcity FOLLY

MISLEADING THE FARMER.

Farmers who read reciprocity papers should beware of the misleading use of figures and schedules made in presenting the reciprocity case. For example, one scheme is to head a list of changes, "Where the Farmer Stands to Gain in Buying." The list at a glance shows such items as "On binders from 17 1/2 per cent. to 15 per cent. on horse rakes, from 20 per cent. to 15 per cent. on belts and gongs, 30 per cent. to 27 1/2 per cent."

Many are persuaded that reciprocity will bring about what these figures appear to promise, and will be surprised to learn that the cut in each case is not from 20 to 15 per cent. or from 30 to 27 1/2 per cent., but merely 5 per cent. or 2 1/2 per cent., as the case may be, the duty being reduced, not the cut being made in prices, from 30 to 27 1/2.

If the farmer thinks he is going to get a cut of 15 to 20 per cent. on implement prices he is simply misled. Even if he expects to get a cut of 2 1/2 or 5 per cent., he is being deceived. The dealer will put that little profit in his pocket. It was only intended to have a quieting effect on the dealer anyway.

THE HALL WAS TOO SMALL TO HOLD CROWDS

George W. Fowler Forced to Hold Hillsboro Meeting in Skating Rink -- 1,500 People Cheered Him.

Special to The Standard.

Hillsboro, Aug. 23.—If there ever was a doubt that G. W. Fowler was a large majority in this part of the United States, it was settled by the splendid reception accorded him tonight. The meeting had been arranged to be held in the public hall, but the crowds from the surrounding country were so large that it was necessary to secure the rink where 1,500 people assembled and remained almost to a man until 11 o'clock, which is a late hour in these parts.

After W. H. Dickson, M. P. P., had spoken, Mr. Fowler was called upon by a long and enthusiastic crowd of welcome. He dealt exhaustively with the issues of the day and when he said they were proud of the flag, and it was worth fighting for, there was a responsive shout from the large gathering.

Mr. Fowler made one of the best speeches ever heard in Albert and it greatly encouraged by his reception here tonight as well as by his canvass in other parts. The general feeling is that his majority will be well up in three figures, of which Albert will contribute its share.

The Pugsley-McAlister fiasco on the branch railway excited only derision, and the show of starting work on the post office will gain the doctor no votes, as it is known the only tools so far are a couple of picks and shovels stored in Slater's barn.

H. W. Hewson, of Moncton, was the last speaker and charmed the people with his earnest eloquence.

John L. Peck presided and among those present were I. N. Grant, now in his 87th year, who hopes to cast his vote for Mr. Fowler on the 21st of next month. Hillsboro will give Fowler a 50 per cent. larger majority than three years ago.

Taft says we are at the parting of the ways. Shall we part?

DALHOUSIE'S FIRST LOCAL OPTION CASE.

Special to The Standard. Dalhousie, Aug. 23.—There was something doing in the police court this morning when T. R. Gaudet appeared before Police Magistrate W. A. Freeman, to stand trial for selling liquor. Ex-Mayor Charles Stewart laid the information and the party was found guilty and fined \$75.00 and costs.

Gaudet is the proprietor of the Queen hotel, formerly known as the Queen hotel. This is the first case under local option.

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Ottawa Learns that United States Trusts are Preparing Huge Campaign Fund for Purchase of Votes in Canada.

An Impertinent Boston Newspaper Dares Canadians to Reject Reciprocity -- Why the New York Herald is Boosting Laurier -- What Does Honorable William Pugsley Know About This?

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—The attention of the Conservative organization at headquarters in Ottawa centres tonight upon the apparent effort on the part of the United States trusts to influence Canadian public opinion in support of the Laurier government and reciprocity.

There is reason for the belief that some trusts in the United States intend participating in the Dominion elections and that an organized effort is to be made by United States capital to invade the Canadian political arena in support of the government and reciprocity.

So real and serious is this menace regarded in Ottawa that preparations are already being made to meet and overcome it.

The law of Canada under recent statute provides that foreigners in any way interfering at Dominion election, render themselves liable under criminal law and subject to a fine or imprisonment for six months with hard labor, and if necessary this law will be invoked.

The Ottawa Citizen, which has hitherto accorded moderate support to reciprocity, while in other respects aiding the Conservative cause, publishes a long editorial today in which it says that the New York Herald has recently established a bureau in Ot-

tawa to boom reciprocity and devote nearly a page every day to one-sided reports booming the Laurier reciprocity campaign in Canada.

"The average Canadian," says the Citizen, "will ask himself why the New York Herald is so tremendously anxious that reciprocity should be ratified through by the Laurier government at the present time. Does any sane Canadian believe that this sudden interest is not based on a desire that the United States should be advantageously affected by the result on September 21? On the contrary, while President Taft is fighting to stem the recent tide in favor of tariff revision by the Democratic party, his journalistic auxiliaries are doing their best to hurry Canada headlong into a bad bargain, and if President Taft can succeed in committing Canada to reciprocity in the meantime, his position and that of the republican party will be greatly strengthened. The obviously prudent course for Canada is not to allow herself to be made a catspaw by President Taft."

The Boston Transcript in an Ottawa letter dares Canadian people to reject the reciprocity agreement, saying that the United American press would justly resent such a verdict, regarding it as a slap in the face to President Taft, and to both political parties in the United States.

ARGUMENT VS. VAUDEVILLE

Conservative Speaker Enthusiastic Large Audience in Sussex -- Grits Depend on Vaudeville to Draw a Crowd.

Special to The Standard.

Sussex, Aug. 23.—There was a great meeting in the Conservative committee rooms tonight when nearly 200 enthusiastic electors crowded the rooms and listened to a fighting speech by J. D. O'Connell. A number of out-time Liberals were among the number and frequently applauded point after point made against reciprocity.

Mr. O'Connell made a sharp reply to attacks made on him by Dr. Pearson and his brother, and showed conclusively that the farmers of the United States were not getting more than nine cents per dozen for fresh eggs. He had bought hundreds of tons at that price, and the middlemen got the difference between nine cents and the selling price. He had bought fresh eggs for six cents a dozen.

Dealing with potatoes he showed that in many places they were allowed to rot in the ground so low was the market price. As one who knew United States conditions he warned his hearers against accepting reciprocity, which would ruin the markets for local farmers. This was Canada's century, and it should not be thrown away.

Mr. O'Connell spoke for two hours, and during that time large numbers stood and listened to his remarks. At the Liberal rooms a St. John quartette was brought in to draw a crowd. It shows how the tide is running. The Conservatives are offering arguments and filling committee rooms, whilst reciprocity supporters have to resort to vaudeville.

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MR. SIFTON IN TILLSONBURG

He Addressed Large Audience Last Night Speaking in Opposition to Reciprocity -- Canadian Govt. Coerced.

Tillsonburg, Ont., Aug. 23.—Hon. Clifford Sifton addressed a large audience here tonight in opposition to the reciprocity pact.

Reviewing Canada's past tariff conditions, Mr. Sifton pointed out that the policy of protection brought about by the national policy had not been destroyed by the 1897 tariff revision. His continuance through such a lengthy period on the basis of the general prosperity of which he believed the farmer was getting his full share. The building up of an industrial population furnished the farmer's great need. Reciprocity was negotiated where reviewed.

"Great friendliness is claimed for the United States," said Mr. Sifton. "But I say that the government of Canada is coerced into this arrangement and that the government showed no friendliness in its actions a year ago, when the imposition of the maximum tariff was threatened because of an alleged discrimination made by Canada against the U. S. that is, on the face of it, an absurdity."

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