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A GREAT CONSERVATIVE VICTORY.

In the general Provincial elections in British Columbia on Saturday last, the Conservatives won a splendid victory. The McBride Government was sustained by a handsome majority. Full particulars have not yet been received here; but it is announced that McBride will have a majority of eight or ten members in a full house. This is a victory that will be hailed with enthusiasm in every part of Canada. It is all the more remarkable when we consider that the Federal Government did everything possible to defeat the McBride Government. Sir Wilfrid Laurier induced Governor McInnis of the Yukon to resign his office and salary of \$12,000, and enter the fight against McBride. McInnis was sent from Ottawa across the Continent fully equipped with the sinews of war, and threw himself into the contest backed up by every species of human device. But all his machinations failed; the people of British Columbia had confidence in McBride, and turned a deaf ear to Laurier's emissary. Mr. McBride administration of the affairs of his Province for the last three years was satisfactory to the electorate, and his noble stand for the rights of British Columbia at the Provincial conference was not to be forgotten or treated with ingratitude. The electors of the Pacific Province resented the interference of the Federal Government and the ex-Governor of the Yukon and showed their appreciation of Mr. McBride's valuable services to his Province. Well done British Columbia.

The Government Condemned.

ELSEWHERE in this issue we publish the resolutions unanimously passed at the public meeting held at Kensington Friday evening last. In the first place let it be distinctly understood that this was in no sense a partisan meeting. It was called by the people of that section of the country, regardless of political affiliation, for the purpose of discussing the grave and important questions at issue between this Province and the Federal Government. A committee, chosen by the people, had the arrangements in hand, and this committee invited a number of public men of the Province to attend and give their views on the matters in question. Premier Peters and Hon. George E. Hughes were invited to represent the Provincial Government. They refused to attend and the Premier published a letter in the daily papers before the meeting setting forth that he would not attend, and he did not consider Kensington a place of sufficient importance for a meeting of this kind.

The meeting took place all the same and was very large and entirely representative of the sturdy yeomanry of that centre and surrounding country. It is stated on the most reliable authority that there were in attendance upwards of one hundred Liberals, and these for the most part, front rank men of the party. This will show that it was not a one-sided affair. The only speaker for the Liberals, of all those invited, was Capt. Joseph Read, one of the representatives of that district. The other speakers were John A. Mathieson, Esq., Leader of the Opposition; W. S. Stewart, Esq., K. C.; Murdoch McKinnon, M. P. P.; Mr. J. E. B. McCready and Mr. W. E. Bentley. The questions discussed were; the non-fulfillment of the terms of union regarding winter communication and the disadvantageous treatment of the Island in the matter of Provincial subsidies. Mr. John Anderson occupied the chair, and Captain Read was the

first speaker. After the speeches the resolutions published in this issue of the HERALD were passed without a dissenting voice, except that of Captain Read on the resolution regarding the Provincial subsidies.

Mr. Mathieson, Leader of the Opposition, plainly showed that the means and cost of transportation between this Province and the mainland must be improved if we are to escape the losses consequent upon the inaction of our delegates to the Provincial conference. In a powerful speech he arraigned the Premier and Hon. Mr. Hughes, the delegates from the Island Government to the Provincial conference held at Ottawa in October last. They had an opportunity of securing exceptional treatment for our Province; but they never opened their mouths, and in the arrangements agreed upon we were allowed the smallest additional subsidy that could be granted under the terms of the Quebec conference. Since we entered Confederation in 1873, the revenues of Canada have increased four fold, and our contributions to the revenue has increased proportionately; but our receipts remain stationary. We contribute over a million and a half, and stand to contribute much more; but we receive only \$211,000. Our proportionate cost goes on increasing, but our receipts remain stationary, or rather decrease. The Quebec conference of 1887 allowed us \$70,000 increase. Premier Peters or Mr. Hughes had nothing to do with securing this. But at the Ottawa conference in October, an opportunity was afforded for obtaining better terms and securing much more money for our Province. We have shown in former articles on this question that the first resolution of the Ottawa conference formally requested the delegates to place on record, if they so desired, memoranda resolutions regarding any further claims of their respective Provinces Ontario, British Columbia and other Provinces took advantage of this invitation and immediately put in their demands for increased allowances. But the delegates from Prince Edward Island, not only did not make use of this opportunity, but actually permitted part of our per capita subsidy to be taken from us by the removal of the saving clause which entitled us to receive 80 cents per head on the maximum population since confederation. They voted to retain this for British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan; but permitted it to be removed from our Island Province. In consequence of this we are now to receive our per capita on our population according to the last decennial census. This at once lost us about \$5,000, and we stand to lose still more should our population continue to decrease.

Premier Peters and Hon. Mr. Hughes not only failed to preserve to us our per capita tax on our highest population; but they most egregiously failed to secure for us at least a hundred thousand dollars additional, which they might easily have obtained. As already shown, we could not secure any increase of subsidy on the head of increased population, and as a matter of fact we have lost, as shown above. The other ground of increase, therefore is the only one by which we could benefit. On this head the increase is granted, according to the Quebec resolutions, on two grounds. First on account of Government and Legislature and second in consequence of increased expenditure by the Provinces for education, Administration of Justice, Public Works, etc. It is on the first of these heads, Government and Legislature that we receive the \$70,000; but on the second we receive nothing. Under the second head Ontario receives \$220,000, and Quebec \$249,000, and all the Provinces benefit thereby except Prince Edward Island. The expenditure of this Province, on education, Public Works, etc. has increased \$120,000 since Confederation and our delegates to the Conference should have made a demand for this amount. Had they pressed our claim for this amount, it could not be refused. Premier McBride of British Columbia refused his assent to the arrangements for his Province, although much more favorable than ours, and his protest was rewarded with \$100,000 additional.

All these matters were forcibly presented to the Kensington meeting by Mr. Mathieson, and the result was the endorsement of the resolution condemning the Provincial Government and its delegates to the Ottawa conference. Not only was the resolution passed; but it passed by the vote of every one present except that of Captain Read. That is just how such conduct should be condemned.

Resolutions.

At the public meeting held at Kensington on Friday evening last, the following resolutions were passed:
RESOLUTION RE COMMUNICATION.
Resolved that this meeting do heartily approve and endorse the action taken by our Legislature at expressed in resolution and by unanimous vote of the house in the session of the year 1895, as covering many of the disabilities we are laboring under owing to the non-fulfillment of the terms of confederation; and we would respectfully urge our Local Government and Legislature to continue to press our claims as therein set forth until justice is obtained.

Further Resolved, That we shall deem any measure of justice incomplete and unsatisfactory which does not provide for the restoration to this Province of its original number of representatives in the House of Commons of Canada.
RESOLUTION RE SUBSIDIES
Moved by very Rev. Mgr. Gillis, seconded by Thomas McNatt, Esq., Malpeque.
Whereas, at a conference between the members of the Government of Canada and delegates from the various Provincial governments assembled at Ottawa in October 1906, certain resolutions were agreed to for the purpose of providing for an increase in the subsidies granted by the Dominion to the several Provinces.

And whereas, the intention of the said conference was to fix in a definite and unalterable way the distribution of the revenue so as to furnish the various Provinces with the means adequate to carry on their local affairs.
And whereas, the delegates were empowered to submit to the Government memoranda in writing of any claims their several Provinces might have to larger sums than those set out in the said resolutions or to additional consideration or recognition.
And whereas the increase of subsidy to the several Provinces was based upon two grounds, first for the cost of government and Legislature and second, for the increased cost of public works, education, asylums, etc.

And whereas this Province would secure an increase on the first ground only, though on the second ground the increased cost since confederation amounts to upwards of \$720,000 yearly and not only did our delegates fail to present a claim for the same, but they have consented that we shall lose a part of the present per capita subsidy and continue to lose further from time to time as our population may decline.

And whereas the increased subsidy which will fall to the share of this Province is utterly inadequate to meet its requirements and will not reduce the taxes, improve the public service or abolish the deficit in a single year.
Therefore resolved that the electors of Eastern Prince County assembled at Kensington condemn the said settlement as unfair to this Province and prejudicial to its best interests, and urge upon the representatives of this Province in the local Legislature to refuse concurrence in said resolutions until the same are modified to meet the requirements of justice or submitted to the people.

And this meeting further urges upon the people of this Province the necessity for prompt action by resolution, by petition, by remonstrance and by every constitutional means to insist upon a rearrangement of the said terms and the granting of justice to this Province.
These resolutions passed unanimously, Capt. Read, only voting against the latter.

Pettiness in Politics.

Under the foregoing heading, the Montreal Gazette presents the following comment on an incident that would permanently disgrace and disqualify a Government leader in any country where proper notions of personal honor and righteous administration prevail:
"Sir Wilfrid Laurier is reported to have told a deputation from Montmagny, which went to the Government with a prayer for a new railway station and a wharf, that for the present he could not pay attention to any request from Mr. Armand Lavergne, M. P., the member for the county, seeing that he is not a ministerial supporter. The incident is interesting in several ways, and chiefly, perhaps, as illustrating the small mindedness of the man who fills the post of Prime Minister of Canada. A request for expenditure on public works may or may not be worthy of consideration by the Government; but if it is preferred, those who make it, however, should receive an answer on the merits of the case they present. For the lead of a national administration to make use of the situation for the purpose of telling a number of men that they are not to be considered in Parliament is not only to be regarded as no service to them, it is disgraceful to the public life, and weakens among its members that independence of thought which is necessary to keep a political party in touch with the mind of the country. The act, however, was characteristic of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He uses lofty pretensions to cover about as petty political methods and as narrow a selfishness as ever actuated a public man in high place."

Yes; but such is the degeneracy, the demoralization, the moral degradation of the mind of Sir Wilfrid's followers, under the baleful influence of his leadership, that they are ready to applaud his pettiness, his narrowness, his partisan injustice, as statesmanship; and it need surprise nobody if, at future elections, the machine engineers, of that party should be found using this partisan and disgraceful incident as an appeal to the electors, showing these the imperative need of supporting the Laurier candidate as the only possible way in which anything for the country or riding can be got from the Laurier Government. Almost equally disgraceful things have already been done in the canvassing of this party, and now that Sir Wilfrid has made this exhibition of his true inwardness and of the only way in which public appropriations can be got from his government, it is quite likely that this will be the chief appeal on behalf of all Laurierite candidates. But when that time comes, and it is now virtually at hand, the electors should be able to see that the only way to secure liberty and fair administration will be to change the government.—Halifax Herald.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The session of the Provincial Legislature will open on Tuesday the 19th, inst.

William McKeown, one of the oldest railway men in Canada, and at one time Superintendent of the P. E. Island Railway died at Vancouver a few days ago.

There was no foreign mail yesterday. Both steamers started from their respective ports, but did not reach their destination till this morning. The mail arrived here about noon today.

Governor-General Davidoff, of Fredericton, Russia, in the fear of assassination, has issued orders that all men who meet him on the street are to turn their backs and hold up their hands until he has passed out of sight.

William Whitley London's wealthiest merchant, who was killed in his office by an assassin's bullet on Oct. 1st, \$5,000,000 for the erection of an almshouse to the deserving poor. Whitley was the proprietor of the largest department store in London and was known as "the universal provider."

The Grand Trunk Pacific have awarded a contract to Barnes & McQueen, for the construction of the largest elevator in the world. It will have a capacity of 10,000,000 bushels. The building will be deep and constructed of concrete steel and tile. Four trains will be able to load or unload at one time. The elevator will be located at the Mouth of Mexico River near Port Arthur, Ont.

"Death from swallowing his own brains," was the verdict rendered the other day at Doncaster, Ill. at the inquest over the body of George E. Thomas, an Illinois Central brakeman, who was fatally injured by falling into some pumping machinery. The base of Thomas' skull was broken in such a way that the man's brains oozed into his throat and he swallowed them. After repeating the swallowing at intervals for several hours, during which nearly all his brains had passed through the aperture in the skull, Thomas died.

Governor Guilem of the political prison on Basil Island Russia was assassinated on the main street of the Island the other day. A prison warden who attempted to arrest the assassin, was fatally shot, and the terrorist escaped. An eighteen year old boy, dressed as a workman, is the perpetrator of the deed. He laid in wait for the Governor until he passed a tedious when he stepped outside and fired at him. Governor Guilem had been accused of illustrating political prisoners, and has been marked for death some time ago.

Albert Monk of Pittsburg, Pa. found the body of his wife lying on a table of her room burned to a crisp when he returned home on Thursday night. The first police theory of accidental death was abandoned when it was discovered that nothing else in the room was burned, not even the table on which the body was found. When the woman's husband arrived home the doors were all locked, the lights in the house were out and he was compelled to climb through a cellar window.

Startling defections in the Gulf stream and strange phenomena existing in the western Gulf, believed to be an Indian result of the Kingston earthquake, are reported in New Orleans in an official report by Captain John C. Soley of the gulf division of the hydrographic office. The stream has moved many miles to the west, now passing close to the coast of Central America in one big circle, turning to north west, instead of keeping the straight line it formerly described.

A joint resolution was passed by the House of Representatives, Washington, on Jan. 30th, granting permission to the Secretary of War to sell during the next three months to citizens of Montana, at actual cost to the United States, all places, and limited quantities of hay, straw and grain for domestic use from the stock provided for the use of the garrison at Fort Assiniboine, Mont. Representative Dixon, senator-elect for Montana explained that there are 30,000 head of cattle in the vicinity of Assiniboine threatened with starvation because of the blizzard now raging.

Fire of fearful dimensions destroyed the factory of the Canadian Glass Manufacturing Company at Point St. Charles, Montreal, on Thursday last, causing a loss estimated at \$35,000. No loss of life, and no serious injury resulted among the hundred and fifty employees in the building, and this is regarded as the most marvelous thing in connection with incident. The plant employs in all about three hundred men. The fire broke out at 11:30 a.m. under the supervision of Donald Lavin, who promptly ordered the men to leave like matchwood, and dozens of frightened young girls and men found themselves unable to reach the doors and were driven to throw themselves from windows of the second story.

The store of C. C. Carleton, Souris, received a bad scorching by fire Tuesday night of last week. The fire was discovered about 6:30 p. m. The Souris fire brigade under the captaincy of Donald Lavin, were promptly on the spot and soon had a strong stream of water from the hydrant just below the store, playing upon the flames. Owing to the dense smoke it was very hard work locating the source of the blaze and the consequence was that a great deal of damage was caused by water. All one side of the store including the counter was badly damaged and very little of the goods were saved. It was not until after eight o'clock that the fire was at last completely extinguished. Miss Carleton was the last to leave the shop at six o'clock and everything appeared then to be all right. It is thought the fire originated from the explosion of a lamp Mr. Carleton was in Charlottetown at the time.

A shocking fatality occurred at number three Sydney Street, Wednesday night about nine o'clock which resulted in the death of Jeanie, the little five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Greenwell. It appears that while Mr. Greenwell, who is an underground manager at number 2 Sydney Street, was engaged about some business, his little daughter walked into the dining room and coming near an open grate, her clothing caught fire. Mrs. Greenwell, who was in the kitchen adjoining at the time, was attracted by the terrified screams of the little one, whom she discovered enveloped in flames. Seeing some clothing she endeavored to smother the flames, and in doing so sustained terrible burns about the hands and arms. Before the flames were extinguished they had completely burned all the clothing on the child's body. The girl's face, arms and body were frightfully burned. Dr. Reynolds was hurriedly summoned, but death relieved the child of its sufferings one hour afterwards.

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