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Dominion Day.

On Monday last—Dominion Day—Canada celebrated its national holiday. This was her forty-fifth birthday; the forty-fifth anniversary of Confederation. For Prince Edward Island Monday was the 39th anniversary of her entrance into the Confederation. These have been forty-five years of unexampled progress and prosperity. It is simply marvellous what has been accomplished in Canada in this space of less than half a century. Progress, prosperity, expansion, development are seen everywhere, not only in the fertile West but the equally fertile and industrial East. The record of forty-five years is one of splendid activities and fruitful achievements. Confederation, from which all this progress and prosperity have sprung, was not accomplished without much contention and opposition. It was the result of wise statesmanship, compromise and sacrifice of cherished opinions, here and there. It must be a source of extreme satisfaction and thankfulness to the veteran, Sir Chas. Tupper, the sole survivor of the band of patriotic statesmen who laid deep and solid the basis of Confederation, to be permitted to see and enjoy the extraordinary fruits of the wisdom and foresight of himself and his fellow Fathers of Confederation.

The Democratic Candidate

As will be seen elsewhere in this issue, Woodrow Wilson has been chosen by the Democrats as their candidate for the Presidency of the United States. The convention was a most strenuous one and lasted over a week, and necessitated no less than forty-six ballots to determine the choice of the assembled delegates. The rules of the Democratic convention require a two-third vote for a choice. The fight from the start was between Wilson and Clark. At the start Clark led by long odds; but Wilson steadily gained, passed him and finally won out. Wilson had been President of Princeton University up to two years ago, when he was forced into nomination for Governor of New Jersey. He was elected and proved a splendid Governor. Should he become President he will likely establish a good record.

The first "Back to Canada" train will start on Monday with a contingent of New Englanders. Though their repentance be late, they will receive a hearty welcome and find a country where their brains and energy can achieve all they deserve.—Montreal Herald.

The Canadian electoral system may have its defects, but it has the merit of being "short, sharp and decisive." The country is not kept in turmoil and a state of business unrest for months before and after an election. When the voice of the people has once made itself manifest, there is a prompt and frictionless adjustment of conditions from which there is no appeal.—Vancouver Province.

That Mr. Bryan should still be a force in American politics is extraordinary. He has, probably, the most super-

ficial intellect of any man prominent in public life today. Even more than Mr. Roosevelt he illustrates by his power the primitiveness of the American people. It is still in the stage of hero worship. It cannot assimilate ideas. It can comprehend only personal ally.—Montreal Herald.

Report says that when Premier Asquith's suffragette assistant tried to shake the epaulets off him, he "expressed himself in forcible terms." And indeed if a British Prime Minister could ever be pardoned for using such words in public, it would be when a suffragette virago had grabbed him and was trying to shake him out of his court uniform.—Hamilton Herald.

The Minister of Finance makes the interesting prediction that the trade of Canada will pass the billion mark this year, and that the Dominion will receive half a million immigrants. Both figures are large increases over last year. Mr. White should take warning from the experience of his predecessors and count his immigrants carefully. He should remember that the immigrants reported as having arrived in the ten years before 1911 were not all found by the census enumerators. The number fell nearly a million short.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

Taken by and large, the advantage would seem to be with Great Britain and her unwritten constitution as against her overseas progeny who thought it the part of wisdom to reduce their federal contract to writing. The United States as a nation are today conducting the practical business of government in many essentials in direct contravention of the principles sanctified in their constitution; and in Canada we are enduring the repressive effects of constitutional enactments which, framed in wisdom of even a later day, are sadly out of joint with the times.—Ottawa Citizen.

The Roosevelt Emblem.

Of all things in the world the men engaged in the formation of the Roosevelt party have adopted the bandanna as an emblem. They appeared upon the political risalo on Sunday after their religious services with flaming bandannas tied around their arms, which, it was explained, stood for the "plain people" by whom they were ordinarily used. It is safe to say that not twenty per cent. of the people of the United States, plain or otherwise, have ever seen a bandanna. It would hardly have been more fantastic and quixotic had each member of the gathering appeared with a silk stocking around his arm, for it was customary in former days for bandannas and silk stockings to be the property of the same person.

The last political use made of the bandanna, according to the Boston Transcript, was when Allen G. Thurman ran for Vice-President of the United States on the ticket with Cleveland during the latter's second campaign, but that was not to lure the "plain people," but in compliment to Senator Thurman, the "Old Roman," who always carried one of these survivals of a previous generation and used it with sonorous effect. It added much not only to his own relief but to the gaiety of the Senate. When Roscoe Conkling was making one of the efforts of his life and had just reached the dizzy height in his peroration, Senator Thurman found it necessary to blow his nose. Never had the old bandanna been applied with more startling effect.

There was a bugle call whose echoes rang almost to the dome of the Capitol. The Senate burst into a roar, and the New York statesman dropped from his Empress with a dull, sickening thud.

The genuine bandanna in the past was most apparent in the central swath between Hamilton and Albert, a good deal of damage was done outside, particularly in the Western Railway yards.

Of course there have been imitations of the bandanna, just as there are imitations of everything that is worn or carried by the wealthy and the great. There is cotton cloth dyed red or blue that, fifty feet away, when fresh from the loom may look like a bandanna, only it isn't. This lordly relic of a former generation hardly gives promise of being particularly effective in firing the hearts or even stirring the emotions of the "plain people" of the United States.—St. John Standard.

A Destructive Tornado.

Regina City In Ruins.

Regina, Sask., June 30.—A terrific wind storm accompanied by hail and rain struck this city from the North at ten minutes to five this afternoon, cutting through the heart of the business centre, causing a loss of life variously estimated at between thirty and fifty souls, and destroying property to the extent of five million dollars or more. The chief loss of life took place in the Saskatchewan Government Telephone Exchange, which was blown down. Relief gangs are searching the ruins and bringing out the dead and injured, but the number of telephone operators in the building is not known.

200 BUILDINGS WRECKED.

Two hundred private residences were carried down in the blast. Substantial brick buildings also went, including the Canadian Pacific Railway's round house. The central part of the storm lay between Hamilton Street on the East and Albert Street to the West, including between them the greater portion of the financial, business and shopping districts.

THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Before it entered the city, the storm passed directly over the new Provincial Parliament buildings, north of Wascana Lake, but it is impossible yet to obtain word as to any damage there. Crossing the Lake its path North was over the Dominion Jail buildings, when it struck the most select residential section, included in Sixteenth, Fifteenth, Fourteenth, Thirteenth and Victoria Avenues. On the latter are the land titles and other public buildings, and a number of big churches.

SIX ELEVATORS DESTROYED.

Next in order came Twelfth and Eleventh Avenue and South Railway Street, and these cover the financial and business districts. Not abating one whit in fury the storm passed over the Canadian Pacific railway, taking in its course half a dozen elevators, one of which fell plumb across the main line tracks tying up

traffic, which was, however, later diverted. It then passed to that portion of the city lying North of the railway, where the wholesale houses are largely situated, while beyond is a big residential district. Although the full fury of the storm was most apparent in the central swath between Hamilton and Albert, a good deal of damage was done outside, particularly in the Western Railway yards.

CONFUSION IN THE CITY.

The blow was so sudden that at first indescribable confusion reigned, but soon order was restored and relief gangs organized. The city power works went out of commission, and there is no light, which must greatly hamper the work tonight. Not taking any chances against disorder the contingents of city troops at Sewell military camp in Manitoba have been wired to return by special train. Two fires broke out, but fortunately the brigade was able to get a stream of water playing, and there appears to be little danger of a general conflagration. At this hour details of losses with names of killed and injured are not obtainable.

Another Account.

Regina, Sask., June 30.—The estimated killed by the cyclone at present is thirty with hundreds injured. The damage will total millions. Three churches have been destroyed and other public buildings. The hospitals are full and temporary hospitals being formed. Among the killed is George Bryan, Manager of the Tudhope Anderson Co., whose warehouse was demolished.

Winnipeg, June 30.—A message from J. R. Sutherland, Superintendent of Government Telephones at Regina, at 9.30 tonight, said that in the destruction of the Main Telephone Exchange 20 girls lost their lives and forty were injured. There were 75 girls in the building at the time when the rear and front of the structure fell in. The elevators along the Canadian Pacific Railway destroyed were those of the Western Canada Flour Mills Co., Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Winnipeg Elevator Co., and the Saskatchewan Farmers Elevator Co. Coke & Varnstone Elevator Co., on the Canadian Northern Line, was also demolished.

Turbulent Member Ejected

Intense embitterment had been engendered in England by the forcible feeding of the imprisoned suffragettes who declared a hunger strike while in jail. This was reflected in an extraordinary scene last Wednesday afternoon in the House of Commons, when George Lansbury, a Socialist member, denounced Premier Asquith and the government in such virulent terms that he was ordered to leave the House by the Speaker, who threatened to have him ejected unless he went out voluntarily.

Timothy Healy, the Nationalist, had appealed to Premier Asquith to release the women and the Premier replied that they could leave prison this afternoon on undertaking not to repeat their offense. Mr. Lansbury immediately protested himself at the treasury bench, shaking his fist in the face of Premier Asquith and the other ministers, with his face only a few inches from that of Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lansbury screamed, "You're beyond contempt, you know the women cannot give such an undertaking. It is dishonourable to ask them to do so. Talk of Russian atrocities, why you will go down to history as the torturer and murderer of innocent women. You ought to be driven out of office."

The House was in disorder. The Speaker, however, finally secured quiet and ordered Mr. Lansbury to leave.

He replied: "I am not going while these contemptible things are torturing and murdering women." He yelled this out in a loud voice and appeared to be much overwrought, but when the



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