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GOLDWIN SMITH AND THE LABOR CANDIDATE.

The Labor candidate in South Toronto, Mr. J. G. O'Donoghue, has received a letter from Mr. Goldwin Smith, who says:

"Though on public questions I like my fellow-citizens, take my side, I am not a member of a party. I look to the community above all, wishing that it should fairly represent all interests, and that of labor not least. Neither in England nor here, I believe, have I failed to support, when I had the chance, a good representative of the interests of labor. You appear to be such, and therefore, whether we are agreed or not on special questions, you command my sympathy and best wishes."

The eminent scholar, who played a great part in extending the bounds of political equality in the old land, has consistently argued in favor of giving parliamentary representation to the working classes as a matter of right and justice, and as an amelioration of social unrest and discontent. The conditions which have bred working-class parties in Europe are not reproduced in America to nearly the same extent and degree, but the aspiration of the workmen of Canada to a share of political influence is a just and reasonable one.

There was only one Labor member in the last Canadian House of Commons. There are not more than half a dozen Labor candidates in the present election. Even if they were all elected the workmen would be very feebly represented, numerically speaking, as compared with other classes. They could not dictate legislation, but they could bring their ideas prominently before Parliament and public, and hasten the adoption of measures which they could demonstrate to be useful and needful. The mass of labor legislation inscribed on the statute book in recent years shows that the Government is willing to be convinced.

THE ENEMIES OF THE PREFERENCE.

The New York Post, which closely watches Canadian affairs, thinks Lord Milner will be politically disillusioned by his pilgrimage to this country. Says the Post:

"Quite as serious, from the Chamberlain point of view, is the attitude of the leaders of the Conservative party in the election campaign now in progress in the Dominion. Borden and Foster, since 1901, have repeatedly condemned the preference. These Tory leaders are possessed with the 'mad' idea of Canada, and Lord Milner will not need to read many of the speeches of Conservative candidates to realize that there will be an end to the preference in all schedules in which it is of any value to England if Borden and Foster displace Laurier and Fielding in control of the Government at Ottawa."

The Post is correct, even to the coupling of Borden and Foster. The Opposition leaders have not had the courage to openly attack the preference, but they have persistently tried to reduce it to a farce by nullifying every advantage it gives to the mother country. A number of Conservative candidates have been bolder and less hypocritical than their leaders, and have condemned it outright.

The theory that commodities should be "made in Canada" at any cost to the Canadian people is one which the Government positively rejects. The Opposition, if the words of its accredited spokesmen mean anything, is pledged to a tariff that would absolutely shut British goods out of the Canadian market if home manufacturers could supply it. In brief, the Liberal party is committed to a competitive tariff, and the Conservative party to a prohibitory tariff. The Opposition's policy is a negation of the preferential idea. Lord Milner will have visited Canada to little purpose if he does not see through the humbug of Mr. Borden's plea for imperial preferential trade.

DIRTY WORK.

The distribution of the Calgary Eye-Opener is a feature of the Opposition campaign in some ridings. This filthy sheet has been utilized for years by enemies of the Ottawa Government. It has been the conduit for sewage which the regular party newspapers refused to handle. Because of its obscene character, it has been refused the privilege of the mails, but it has found its way by underground routes to every part of the Dominion. Of late it has been sold openly in the city of Toronto. No decent man would read it through, except out of curiosity, and if he did he would never soil his hands with a second copy, but it is welcomed by unscrupulous partisans as an ally in the campaign of slander and scandal waged against the Liberal

A Batch of Tell-Tale Letters

I.
"My Dear Doctor,—As you know, the Foresters have \$500,000 of their money in the Northwest land deal. On the security of this we have borrowed all the money we can from the banks. We have also put into this deal as much of the I. O. F. current account as can be arranged. We require still more money. Could we not have part of the reserve fund for this purpose? Yours sincerely,
(Signed) GEO. E. FOSTER.

"Dear Doctor,—I have not received a reply to my former letter. Let me assure you that the machinery of the Union Trust Company needs oil. Please turn on the tap. We need the surplus of the I. O. F. Yours sincerely,
(Signed) GEO. E. FOSTER.

II.
"I took these lands from the Canadian Northern Railway for one Gordon, and for the Hon. R. P. Roblin, in equal shares. I don't recollect that Mr. Gordon informed me just at the first interview that Mr. Roblin was taking a half interest with him, but at all events it was intimated that all the lands should be put in my name. Evidently before I had concluded an agreement with the Canadian Northern I must have known that Mr. Roblin was in it, although I have no recollection of an interview. The probability is that it would be a telephone communication."
—Mr. Whitla's evidence, page 3031.

III.
"Dear Lefurgy,—We have succeeded beyond our wildest hopes. We wired D. M. (Dan Mann), and he met us at the train, Toronto, and took us to his

leaders. The wonder is that it has been allowed to poison the air so long. In King's County, Nova Scotia, a house-to-house distribution of copies of the Eye-Opener, containing scurrilous references to Sir Frederick Borden, was undertaken by opponents of the Government. One of the men engaged in the work has been arrested on a warrant issued by Sir Frederick. He has also entered a suit for libel against the Cowansville, Que., Observer, for reproducing an article from the Calgary sheet. A leading British magazine paid dearly for dipping into the same garbage barrel. In view of Sir Frederick Borden's determination to set the law in motion it is likely that agents of the Opposition will be less inclined to push the circulation of the Eye-Opener.

MR. BEATTIE'S ATTACK.

An attendance of a hundred at a Conservative meeting in the East End is not a comforting omen for Mr. Beattie. Nor did he improve the occasion by his attack upon Labor representatives. He denounced them roundly as mercenaries and place-hunters, and complained that in Parliament they invariably voted with the Government.

It is true that the Labor members of Parliament since 1896 have usually been found supporting Government measures, though not always. They could do this without forfeiting their independence, because the Laurier Government has gone further toward meeting their views and the just demands of the working class, than any other administration, Provincial or Federal, past or present. Mr. Ver-ville, the Labor member for Maisonneuve in the late House, testified that he was frequently consulted by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who acknowledged that the presence of Labor representatives had been useful to the Government in ascertaining the workman's point of view.

It is pretty certain that Mr. McCandless, if elected, would be found voting with the Government as often as with the Opposition—probably often, since the Liberal party is the only one that has shown any practical sympathy with Labor interests. The only distinct Labor measure credited to the Conservative party since Confederation is the grant of a public holiday. This is a beggarly concession, indeed, compared with the vast amount of Labor legislation in the past twelve years, beginning with the abolition of the sweating system, which the previous Government refused to touch.

Fielding or Foster? Which one would the people of Canada trust with their money?

"Labor representatives are no good," says Mr. Beattie. Of course not, when they divert votes from Tory candidates.

North Toronto will show on Monday whether it has any regard for personal honor in its public representative.

Mr. Foster's "Turn on the Tap" ranks with the late Matt Quay's "Shake the Plum Tree" in the literature of high finance.

The Opposition denounces irrigation in the Medicine Hat district, but defends it in Colchester, N. S., where it is labeled "Choice Tomatoes."

The false date in the Mayes affidavit is no more false than the other charges against the integrity of members of the Government.

The Industrial Banner complains lightly enough that Mr. Borden's immigration plank has a string to it. So

office and gave us the route so far as located, of course under cover of the strictest secrecy, to keep it mum except to Borden, Bennett and yourself. We have decided to increase the thing to 200,000 acres. On arriving here we interviewed Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. He said we would get the best that was going. We want to arrange for a meeting there when the party returns to Montreal. Tell Messrs. Borden and Bennett about the meeting. It will be necessary for at least two of us to go to this fall to locate, as it could not be done in the spring, and that is one of the things that must be arranged at the meeting. Yours very truly,
(Signed) GEORGE W. FOWLER.

Later.
"Well, old man, I think we have struck a pretty good thing, and you people ought to erect a monument to the memory of Pope and myself for what we have done in your behalf."

IV.
"Perhaps I had better go into a detailed explanation of the matter, because it is a little involved, unless it is so. About the 24th of October—23rd or 24th of October—I received a letter from Mr. Borden, the Chief, telling me that money must not be handled by any person, I believe—I won't give the exact words, but to the effect that money must not be handled by men in the party, in public life, or words to that effect, and that it was better to have, in each province, persons appointed who were in every way acceptable to the party, locally. I sent a copy of that to all the different provinces where I was giving any assistance. From Mr. Hugh Graham's sworn testimony,

has every other plank in the Halifax platform.

Every time Sir Wilfrid Laurier speaks of cementing the British and the French elements of the population, the Nationalists and the Castors of Quebec throw a fit.

The residence of Hon. T. M. Daly, Mr. Sifton's opponent, has been burned down. The Opposition press strongly suspects Mr. Sifton, but perhaps he can prove an alibi.

The Liberals of London are not obliged to lie down under the charge that their Ottawa leaders are a set of thieves. A vote against Mr. Beattie is a protest against those slanders. The underhand attacks upon the Grand Trunk Pacific in American newspapers are paid for with Canadian money. What a patriotic business! And the Conservative press, in reproducing the literature for campaign purposes, is no better than the men who write it, or the men who are paid for publishing it.

RISKS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

[Toronto Star.]
Campaigners are a bad risk. There is the case of the Conservative candidate in the West, who has broken his leg in two places, and a stump for E. W. Nesbitt, in North Oxford, has dislocated his ankle. So far, despite all the talking, however, no cases of dislocation of the jawbone are reported.

LIBERALS AND LABOR.

[Montreal Herald.]
Sir Wilfrid, it seems, agrees with the Herald that the Labor party runs close enough to Liberalism to warrant Liberals in backing Mr. Verville in Maisonneuve.

TURN ON THE TAP.

[Peterborough Examiner.]
We have a picture of the Fowlers and Rogers, the Roblins and Campbells standing around the table, if ever Sir Foster gets a chance to "turn on the tap."

THE EYE-OPENER.

[Calgary News.]
And so when "Nemes" asked for the opportunity to go after the "false alarm" who acts as the figurehead of the Eye-Opener—after the fashion of the Eye-Opener—no barriers were placed in the way. When a mad dog is roaming loose in a city the people do not go to meet him with the "false alarm" if you were anxious to rouse a dirty hobo you would not put on spotless linen to do the job. You wouldn't undertake to chase a skunk armed with a bottle of lavender water. If you knew that a desperado was waiting for you with a Winchester you would deem it the part of wisdom to take a "pot-shot" at him.

THE PERELESS TALKER.

[New York Sun.]
Mr. Bryan has just finished an endurance test in which he delivered speeches in 72 hours, without turning a hair. A very Marathon race of loquacity, in which he has left all competitors nowhere.

A SENSE OF OPULENCE.

[Washington Star.]
Dey tell me I'm unlucky.
Cause I haven't got a cent.
Coppin' now an' den a little.
Foh a payment on de rent.
But de road is long an' shady.
An' de leaffy woods is free.
An' I somehow can't help feelin'
Dat dey all belongs to me.

De blossoms in de summer
An' de gold leaf in de fall—
I doesn' ax permission
An' I shore enjoys 'em all!
An' de singin' in de bushes
An' de sunshine on de sea—
I couldn' hardly notice
Dat dey don't belong to me!

HALCYON.

[Life.]
Zooks, what a lonely day 'twill be
When the deep takes back what it gave,
And the "Merry Widow" drifts out to sea
On the crest of the Marcel wave.

WILL FOUND IN A HAT.

[London Evening Standard.]
Probate has been granted of the will of a piddler who left an estate valued at \$11,587. He was Mr. Harris Norman, a Polish Jew, of Mill road, Cambridge. The document was found in his silk hat after his death. It was dated Jan. 15, 1905, and by it he left the whole of his property equally between Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and the London Jewish Synagogue, for the relief of poor and needy Jews.

LET LAURIER FINISH HIS WORK

The Montreal Witness, a journal of sterling independence, which at all times has the courage of its convictions speaks with no uncertainty or hesitancy as to the duty of the Government to sustain at the polls the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, both in the interest of Canada and in the interest of that wider imperial patriotism to which all true Canadians are attached, as opposed to the party of obstructionists and slandersers nominally led by Mr. Borden, whose attitude is not merely opposed to the progress of Canada, but is distinctly anti-British. "We are convinced," says the Witness, "balancing one thing with another, that the country should give Sir Wilfrid Laurier another term of office at Ottawa, rather than return a party which threatens to raise our tariff taxation, to add to the other and other things we need cost us much more than they do now, and make our country, and especially this province, the dearest place in the world to live in; WHICH THREATENS TO KILL THE BRITISH PREFERENCE, THAT OUR FARMERS HAVE SO MUCH FOR OUR FARMERS' AND OUR OWNERS' IN THE EXPANSION OF OUR TRADE AND REDUCING THE COST OF LIVING, BESIDES BEING A BOND OF EMPIRE; which is dominated by Mr. Foster, and over against the objectionable members of the Liberal party include such men as Fowler, Bennett, Lefurgy, and the vituperative Roblin. As on these and other good grounds we believe it best, on the whole, for the people to return to the head of the Government again the widely-loved and venerated Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who has accomplished so much that is beneficial for Canada, so we should much prefer to re-elect him in Montreal Sir Wilfrid's friend, Mr. Robert Bickerdike, whose energy, ability and honesty are established, and who is a 'true Briton' in the fair and wise and generous sense—not in the narrow, selfish sense proclaimed by Mr. Ekerdt and who is a loyal Canadian and admirable citizen."

LAURIER'S BEAUTIFUL ANALOGY.

[Toronto News, July 22, 1907, before the House passed under Tory control.]

In a speech of the grace and dignity which Sir Wilfrid delivered at a university dinner in Toronto a few years ago, he declared his devotion to Great Britain in the simple and touching words which Ruth addressed to Naomi: "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following up after thee: whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried. Lord do so to me and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

There, and as an expression of ideal relations between the old country and the outlying British dominions, it is singularly happy in quotation than the prime minister, and few have gone so deeply into the well of English undefiled. He has resolute and hearty words which welcome of his fellow-countrymen the Quebec, and far beyond the bounds of the cheering in all the Provinces, and among all classes, the sympathy and the respect and even the affection of the mass of the Canadian people.

He has been the object of no such bitter and constant attack as was Sir John Macdonald. There is a curious disposition to lay the faults of his administration upon the backs of his associates. Endowed with the eloquence of a poet and distinction of bearing, moderation of temper, reserve and patience, he is a picturesque and impressive figure, and on all ceremonial occasions, at home or elsewhere, Canadians know and rejoice in the knowledge that he represents the country with distinction and dignity."

FROM A PRIVATE JOLONEL.

[Army and Navy Life.]
There once was an old army colonel,
Whose wit was a wellspring of wit;
But for those who would shirk
From their authorized work,
His language was something infolent!

COMPENSATION.

[Smart Set.]
Laughter and Tears are ever close akin,
And where Tears fall, Laughter ventures in;

Or when fair Laughter, scourged to flight,
Leaves pain,
Softly the Tears veil o'er the struggle vain;

Nor hides one far from where the other lies—
Each waiting each, within my lady's eyes.

PULPIT METHODS.

[Los Angeles Times.]
"Bishop Potter was a wonderfully effective preacher," said a Brooklyn man. "His method was reserved and quiet. He always had himself well in hand."

"I once delivered a sermon before him. I was young and enthusiastic at the time, a disciple of the methods of Talbot. I let myself go in that sermon, in which he shook the church. My gestures shook the pulpit."

"At luncheon, afterward, I am ashamed to say that I barked for compliments. I leaned over the bishop and asked him in a low voice to give me some advice on preaching. Dear knows what I expected him to reply—probably that I was beyond any advice from him. At any rate, what he did reply was this:
My dear young friend, never mistake in the pulpit perspiration for inspiration."

VINDICATED.

[Philadelphia Press.]
"Why do you wear that ridiculous hat?" he growled.
"Do you really think it ridiculous?" she replied, graciously. "How lovely of you. I was afraid it wasn't quite the style."

SHE KNEW THE PLACE.

[Youth's Companion.]
The elderly matron with the bundles, who was journeying to a point in the West, and occupied a seat near the middle of the car, had fallen asleep. On the seat in front of her sat a little boy. The brakeman opened the door of the train and called out the name of the station the train was approaching. The elderly woman roused herself with a jerk.

"Where are we, Bobby?" she asked.
"I don't know, grandma," answered the little boy.

"Didn't the brakeman say something just now?"
"No. He just stuck his head inside the door and sneezed."

"Help me with these things, Bobby," she exclaimed, hurriedly. "This is Oshkosh. It's where we get off."

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Ten dozen Flannelette Wrappers, neatly made, lined waist. Sizes 34 to 40. Special 89¢

MERRILY GOES

THE CAMPAIGN

Liberal Candidates in Western

Counties Make Splendid

Fight.

There is no doubt that North Middlesex will remain true to Liberal principles. Mr. Alex. Smith, the Liberal candidate, is extremely well known throughout the riding, being a stockman of wide reputation. He has the advantage in this over his opponent, who is not so well known. He is from Biddulph, but outside of that his acquaintanceship is not extensive. The township of Lobo, the banner Liberal township, will pile up a very large majority for Smith, and McGillivray and East and West Williams will do the same.

With West Middlesex certain for Calvert, North Middlesex assured for Alex. Smith, and a fighting chance in East Middlesex, Liberalism will not fare badly. Two out of three is certain, and it is likely that Middlesex will make it unanimous. Let every Liberal rally about the candidates.

Routledge's Fine Fight.

Dr. Routledge, the Liberal candidate in East Middlesex, is making one of the best fights ever put up in an Ontario constituency. The riding was Conservative by over 400 four years ago, but nothing daunted by the large handicap, he set to work with a will, and the indications are that he will more than hold his own. He is a great worker, and since entering the campaign has been tireless. Reports from the township of Westminster indicate that he will have a very large majority there, and he will do well elsewhere.

Meeting at Strathroy.

A meeting in the interests of Mr. W. S. Calvert, the Liberal candidate for West Middlesex, will be held in Strathroy this evening. Addresses will be delivered by Mr. Calvert, Mr. Duncan C. Ross, M. P., and others. The Liberal candidate has returned to Strathroy after making a thorough canvass of the southern section of his riding, and reports are of the most encouraging kind. Whenever he has spoken he has been greeted by large audiences, and has been given a most attentive hearing. Indications are that Mr. Calvert will be elected by a larger majority than four years ago.

In West Elgin.

A meeting in the interests of Mr. W. Tolmie, the Liberal candidate for West Elgin, will be held in Wallacetown this evening. It will be addressed by the candidate, Mr. O. R. Stinson, J. B. Davidson and Jas. C. Black. A correspondent writes that the impression prevails that Mr. Tolmie will sweep Dunwich Township, and will have a substantial majority in Dutton. The reports from Aldboro and Southwold are most encouraging also, and the indications are that Mr. Tolmie will poll a great vote in the country. He will do well in the city of St. Thomas.

East Lambton.

East Lambton is the scene of rather a bitter campaign. Mr. J. E. Armstrong is a qualified member of the Slanderbund, uttering sentiments that would not be uttered by many Conservative speakers, but in keeping with the general policy of the party. That the campaign is not proving effective is shown by the fact that everywhere Dr. C. O. Fairbank, the Liberal candidate, is meeting with great encouragement from sources least expected. Mr. Armstrong is seized of the fact that he has the fight of his life on his hands, and is reckless in his statements.

On Tuesday night, the Liberals held a largely attended meeting in Alvinaton. Mr. J. Walter Curry, K. C., one of the ablest speakers in Canada, discussed the issues in a most convincing manner, and was given a splendid

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Men's Suits which have been taken from our regular \$12.50 and \$13.50 lines and marked for special selling Friday and Saturday at \$9.95. They're stylish and up-to-date suits in all sizes. Fancy Cheviots, Worsteds and Imported Tweeds. Progress Brand make. Special \$9.95

LOCAL OPTION AGITATION

Dutton People Taking Action in the Matter—Bicycle Stolen.

Dutton, Oct. 21. — The people of this village are becoming very enthusiastic about local option, and conditions in this place are looking very serious for the liquor men. A petition is being circulated, and receiving the signatures of those in favor of the scheme, and it is stated that the success of the local option advocates is beyond their expectations.

To all appearances the term in Central Prison that Police Magistrate Hunt, of St. Thomas, meted out to J. H. Cook for petty thefts, has proved a warning to someone in this neighborhood. A bicycle was stolen from the verandah of Mr. E. Fillmore last evening, and no trace of the wheel has been discovered. The authorities, however, have been notified, and no doubt will find the guilty person or persons.

Mr. J. C. Hertel paid a visit to his friends here yesterday.

Snow has fallen again heavily in Sackatchewan, and light local snow in Alberta and Manitoba.



"Babes in Toyland."

"Babes in Toyland" will be the offering at the Grand Saturday, matinee and night. While described as an operatic extravaganza, "Babes in Toyland" is a name which indicates admirably by its vague suggestion that something unusual will occur in the course of the entertainment. Despite the indefinite character of the title there was no question as to the definite nature of the hit made by the clever company of capable comedians. The principals and chorus are combined in an amusing and at times brilliant combination of school children, fun and frivolity. Jest children

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