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"OH YE OF LITTLE FAITH"

If the statements made by Conservatives were true, there could be no future for St. John as a winter port. They assert that, if our natural products are permitted to enter the American market free of duty, Canada's trade will be diverted into channels north and south, and the east and west trade of this country destroyed. Our winter ports would thus be in the United States, and any expenditure to develop terminals at St. John would be wasted.

This is what the Conservatives are saying. But they also say that if Canada had waited she would have got all she wanted from the United States, without making any concessions at all. That is, the United States market would have been thrown open free to our natural products.

It is thus the contention of the Conservatives that our products will soon get free entry into the American market, and that this free entry will utterly destroy the hopes of St. John as a winter port.

There is, then, in their view, no hope for St. John. Any money spent in building wharves and warehouses would be wasted. If a Conservative government were in power it could only say to the people—"You are at the mercy of the United States—they have the winter ports, and we can do nothing."

Does any sane St. John man believe there is a word of truth in the Conservative contention? Not one. Mr. McNicoll, general manager of the C. P. R., does not believe it. Sir Donald Mann does not believe it. Sir William Whyte does not believe it. They are railway men, and they know that the trade of Canadian ports must enormously increase, getting freight from and for not only western Canada, but the western States.

The electors of St. John will therefore support the Liberal government, which has faith in the country, faith in its trade routes, faith in its seaports and faith in the loyalty of its people.

QUEBEC STANDS BY SIR WILFRID LAURIER

The people of Quebec province will not desert Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his policy of a Canadian built navy, for Mr. Borden and his policy of heavy cash contributions to the imperial navy. The plan of hiring out their fighting does not commend itself to self-respecting Canadians in any province.

If, on the other hand, the people of Quebec should desert Sir Wilfrid Laurier to follow Mr. Bourassa, they would place themselves in opposition to any expenditure whatever for naval purposes. They would also declare themselves in favor of dividing Canada into rival camps, one French and the other English.

The people of Quebec will do nothing of the sort. They will not desert Sir Wilfrid Laurier for Mr. Borden, nor yet for Mr. Bourassa. To do either would be bad for Quebec and for Canada. Mr. Borden and Mr. Bourassa are working together to defeat the government, but the moment they succeeded they would quarrel over the question of Canada's part in imperial defence, and the country would be thrown into a fierce turmoil. The people of Quebec province know this, and will stand by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is the champion of race harmony in Canada, and of an imperial unity which harmonizes with local autonomy.

MR. BORDEN DOES NOT DENOUNCE THEM

Mr. Borden has not denounced Mr. Bourassa and his anti-British campaign. Here is what J. A. Renaud, a follower of Bourassa, and one of those seeking with Bourassa and Borden to defeat Sir Wilfrid Laurier, says about England.

"In 1899 England's war against that nation of heroes, the Boers, had aroused universal indignation. Why should Canadians have taken any part in England's massacre of the Boers? They had only, like the French Canadians of 1837, fought against their English oppressors. Any way, why should we fight for England? Has she ever fought for us? She would never fire a shot against the United States for our benefit. We owe nothing to England; we have done more for her than she will ever do for us. She never gave us liberty; we wrung it from her bit by bit. French Canadians, refuse to permit Mr. Laurier to continue his Anglo-Saxon policy to please Lord Grey, the Imperialist!"

It is upon men of this sort that Mr. Borden depends for victory in Quebec province. The loyal people of Canada had a right to expect Mr. Borden to denounce the fomenters of racial strife, but he has not done so. Mr. Borden himself, therefore, should be defeated.

THE LOCAL TORIES IN THE LAST DITCH

A glance at today's issue of the St. John Standard shows the desperate straits to which the Conservatives are reduced. The most reckless and untruthful charges are made against the Liberal party. It is accused of accepting American gold for campaign purposes, and of making the most bare faced attempts to bribe electors, either to vote for the government candidates or to absent themselves entirely on election day. It is quite clear that when the Conservatives resort to misrepresentation, and also an attempt to brand their opponents as bribers and dishonest persons, they have no confidence in the righteousness of their own cause, and know that the tide of popular feeling is running strongly against them. The people may expect during the next two days the most outrageous assertions to be made by these frantic advocates of a lost cause. Mr. Frank Smith in today's Times promptly and effectively refutes the charges made against him. There will be others.

THE FACTS ABOUT COURTENAY BAY

"I firmly believe that when the work here is completed St. John will be the best equipped port on the Atlantic sea board."—H. A. Woods, assistant chief engineer of Grand Trunk Pacific.

"When the development work at St. John harbor is completed you will have the most modern and up-to-date port of its size in the world."—A. M. Bouillon, district engineer of Grand Trunk Pacific.

The above statements, made by responsible engineers, are coupled with the further statement made by Mr. Woods that the Grand Trunk Pacific will have its track and approaches at Courtenay Bay ready before the government can build the wharves. Mr. Woods is amazed at the statements made throwing doubt upon the purchase by the Grand Trunk Pacific of eighty acres for its terminals at Courtenay Bay.

The electors of St. John will not permit themselves to be deceived by the reckless statements of Conservative speakers. The port of St. John is on the eve of an era of enormous development. Those who will carry on the work are the federal government, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. A vote for Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Lowell is a vote for St. John.

SIR MAX AITKEN GIVES DENIAL TO REPORTS

London, Sept. 18.—(Canadian Press)—Sir M. Aitken, speaking in Manchester, said that many reports were circulated about him, now that he had the honor of representing the Lancashire constituency in the first division that he had cornered cotton and thereby interfered with Liverpool cotton workers, and characterized as a lie the story that he had bought shares in the Canadian Cement Company for

BULLET WOUND IN KNEE

Moncton, Sept. 18.—(Special)—Gray Allen, aged twenty, was brought to Moncton hospital on Saturday night with a bullet wound in his knee. Allen, who works on a dredge at Shediac, was cleaning a revolver when it was accidentally discharged. The wound is not serious. Most family trees require a lot of whitewash to keep the insects off.



SOFT THE PALE MOON

Soft the pale moon sails o'er life's sea,
Sipping sweet sleep as a blossom bee,
Stealthily so stealthily,
I know not why in thy pale faced flight,
Love wings away from Form's cold prism;
Kissing these lips like thy pale moon-light
Softly so softly.

I know not why she comes in the night—
Love hath a higher sense than reason;
Dream kisses pledge a prodigal plight,
Sweetly so sweetly.

Silently, dips her silver shallop
Hark! show the bounds of the East God
gallies!
Swiftly more swiftly!
EWYN BRUCE MACKINNON.

IN LIGHTER VEIN



ONE OF THE SYMPTOMS.
"I am sure our Teddy is in love."
"Nonsense. He is only a youngster."
"I know, but he has started to wash his face before going out at night."



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"So your daughter is married at last. Didn't you find it hard to lose her?"
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