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BIG FIRE AT NELSON, B. C.

Hall Mines Smelter, Covering Over an Acre of Ground, Totally Destroyed -- Heavy Loss to the Town.

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 2.—At midnight tonight the huge plant of Hall mines smelter covering 13 acres of ground and one of the largest plants of its kind in Canada, is a mass of blazing, crackling ruins. Nothing is saved, except the 7 miles of cable running from the smelter to the Silver King mine on Lode Mountain, the tall blackened chimneys, one of which is 200 feet in height, and one store building used as an office. Everything else, the huge smelters, the tramway terminal and dump, the assay office, the bridge house and numerous smaller buildings are a tangle of blazing timber and twisted iron.

The disaster is the work of an incendiary, who for the past two weeks has started a dozen fires, three of which have entailed enormous loss. Last night the Nelson brewery was burned to the ground with a loss of $50,000. Previously a Chinaman's house, stables and outbuildings were destroyed with a loss of $6,000. The plant destroyed tonight is conservatively estimated to have cost $750,000.

The incendiary has shown the utmost persistency. At noon today the watchman discovered fire in the smelter and he promptly quenched it and arranged for extra guards. Tonight at 9, just after he had made his rounds, the fire broke out and within a few minutes the plant was a blazing furnace. By midnight the entire plant was practically consumed. Nothing could be done to save the buildings. The smelter, built of magnificent timber, is situated on a hill above the railway, just outside the city limits and no water supply was available.

The fire brigade could only watch the blaze from the town ready to grapple with any fire that might break out in the city. From the assay office few chemicals were saved as well as valuable chemical balances. The furniture in the buildings used as residences was carried out by hundreds of willing hands and saved. All else went up in smoke and for a time danger existed that neighboring residences would be consumed even if dangerous bush fires were avoided. Only a complete absence of wind prevented a far worse calamity.

The Hall Mines smelter was formerly used to treat ores of the Silver King and other famous properties on Lode Mountain. Morning Mountain and adjacent territory and employed hundreds of men. It had been operated for the past years by a Vancouver syndicate promoted by R. S. Lunnic of Vancouver who has lately effected a consolidation of Lode Mountain properties, acquiring the mines and smelters. The last payment on the properties was made only last week, and E. Nelson Fell of Vancouver, had just completed a survey of the plant and mines with a view to recommending the best plan of operations and it was expected that work would have been commenced almost immediately. The smelter was insured for fifty thousand dollars.

There is no clue to the incendiary. The afternoon previous to the fire, the city posted placards offering five hundred dollars reward for information leading to apprehension of the culprit. The city is thoroughly alarmed but in spite of extra constables and the utmost vigilance on the part of the citizens, the police are completely baffled.

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FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.40; seconds, $4.90; winter wheat patents, $4.75; strong bakers, $4.70; straight rollers $4.25; in bags $1.85 to $2.

MILL FEED—Bran, Ontario, $22 to $23; Manitoba $22; middlings, Ontario, $26 to $27; shorts, Manitoba, $22; moullie, $26 to $32.

James McHale.

The funeral of the late James McHale was held from his residence, 72 Forest street, yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, and was very largely attended. The remains were conveyed to the Cathedral where the funeral services was conducted by Rev. A. W. Meahan. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery and relatives acted as pall bearers.

Had a Dangerous Dog.

Samuel Ferris, of 17 St. Paul street, has been reported by the police for allowing a dangerous unmuzzled dog to run at large whereby a little son of William Connell was injured.

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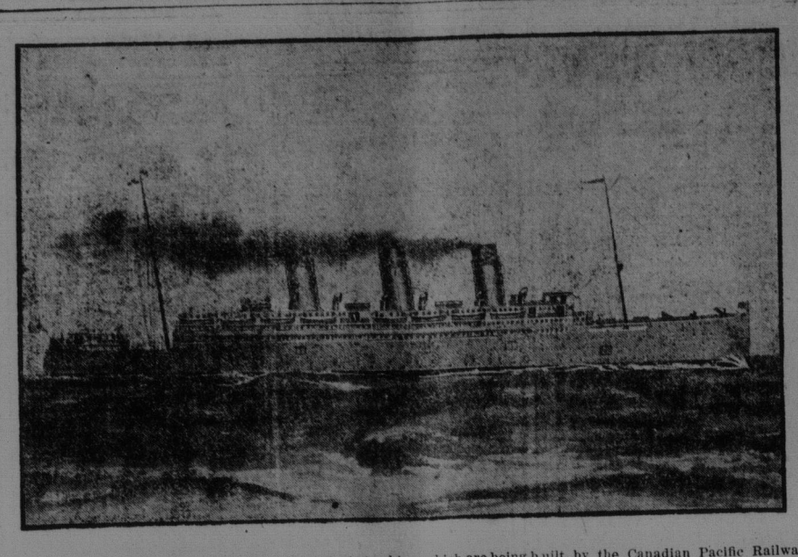

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SIFTON PLEASED AT RESULT OF CAMPAIGN

Finds Reciprocity Very Unpopular in Maritime Provinces—Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Again Stump Ontario.

Special to The Standard

Montreal, Sept. 3.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in Montreal tonight en route from Moncton, where he wound up his campaign in the Maritime Provinces last night, for Alexandria where he will commence anew his Ontario campaign tomorrow.

The Premier proceeded at once to the Windsor Hotel where he was met by local Liberal organizers and discussed the Quebec situation. Hon. George P. Graham, who will accompany the Premier on his Ontario tour, was also in conference with Sir Wilfrid for half an hour.

The Premier was adamant as ever as regards interviews and would simply state that he was very much pleased with his reception in the east.

Hon. Clifford Sifton returned from the Maritime Provinces on the same train as Sir Wilfrid. In an interview he stated that he was immensely pleased with his eastern campaign against reciprocity. He had met with support in unexpected quarters and found that the pact was very unpopular in the Maritime Provinces.

LUTHER SMITH WILL SWEEP BOTH COUNTIES

Col. McLean's Henchmen Admit They are "Up Against It" — Big Preparations for Borden's Meeting Today.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Sept. 3.—Large numbers will go from here tomorrow morning by steamer to Gagetown to attend the big open air meeting to be addressed by R. L. Borden, the leader of the Liberal-Conservative party. Arrangements have been made to have the boat from St. John tomorrow remain at Gagetown until the conclusion of the meeting so that those returning from Fredericton and intermediate points will be able to return home tomorrow night.

Everything points to tomorrow's meeting at Gagetown being the greatest political demonstration ever held there. The meeting will be held in the open air on the court house grounds, and the speakers in addition to Mr. Borden will include, Hon. George J. Clarke, of St. Stephen and Luther B. Smith, the Conservative party's standard bearer in Sunbury and Queens.

The meetings throughout Sunbury and Queens the last week in the Conservative interests, including the great meeting at Chipman on Thursday evening addressed by Hon. Geo. E. Foster and the fine demonstration at Fredericton Junction on Thursday evening for Hon. J. D. Hazen, have been of the most successful nature.

Last evening Hon. H. F. McLeod and Lewis H. Bliss of this city addressed a fine meeting held at the Orange Hall at Rusagornish. Taylor T. Mersereau acted as chairman and the hall would not accommodate scores who wished to gain admission, so great was the crowd. There was much enthusiasm during the meeting, electors from districts for miles around being present and Mr. Smith will poll the greatest vote in the Parish of Lincoln ever given any candidate.

Liberals in the various parishes are casting aside party ties in their fight against reciprocity. Never before, with polling two weeks away was such a feeling aroused throughout the entire constituency and while a big majority in Sunbury for Mr. Smith has been practically a foregone conclusion for some time it is now conceded by many Liberals even that the Conservatives will also take a majority out of the County of Queens. The Liberals still have hopes of carrying four of the seventeen parishes of the united counties.

A week ago a well known local Liberal who formerly lived in Queens county and who still has business connections which keep him pretty closely in touch with Queens, was willing to wager that McLean would be elected in Sunbury and Queens, but yesterday he had changed his views to such an extent that the best bet he would offer was that Smith's majority would not be over 200.

That is a fair sample of the way sentiment has changed and Smith's election is conceded. Col. McLean's own brothers who are busy in the constituency, go so far as to tell their friends that they "are up against it."

BIG MAJORITY FOR CROCKET IS PREDICTED

York County Electors Strongly Against The Pact—Enthusiastic Meeting in Fredericton Addressed by Candidate

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Sept. 3.—A majority of upwards of 1000 for O. S. Crocket, the Liberal-Conservative party's standard bearer, is now the forecast for the County of York. So great is the anti-reciprocity feeling in York county that well informed politicians are able to figure the vote in this county very accurately, placing the majority at between 1200 and 1400.

Dr. Atherton as a candidate is not proving a strong man for the Liberals, particularly in this loyal county since his utterances to the effect that it doesn't make any difference what flag we live under. He is not going to have that personal following that the Liberal machine managers professed to believe he would have, and it is now conceded that he will not get as many votes as Nelson Brown would have, and Mr. Brown was beaten by 869 votes in 1908.

Last week's meetings throughout the constituency in the Liberal-Conservative interests were most successful in every way and from every parish comes the same word that scores of Liberals are deserting their party and are fighting side by side against Taft's reciprocity pact, and ultimate annexation. One instance is the case of William Hamilton, of Penniac. Until this election he has always been a worker for the Liberal organization at that place but he could not stay with his party on the reciprocity issue and now he is one of the most active members of the Conservative committee in his district.

A Great Contrast.

On Saturday evening Mr. Crocket addressed a fine rally at the Liberal-Conservative Club rooms in this city where the seating capacity was taxed beyond its limit while an advertised rally at the Liberal rooms attracted only about twenty-five or thirty people, including the paid attendants at the rooms and the usual heelers.

Mayor Thomas presided at the meeting at the Conservative club rooms and there was great enthusiasm throughout the evening, and particularly during Mr. Crocket's speech as he told of the encouraging reports coming from all over Canada, and indicating a great victory for the Conservative party on September 21st. He also dealt with the reciprocity issue and declared that if there was any section of Canada which would be injured more than another by the adoption of the reciprocity pact it was New Brunswick.

"Every workman ought to be against this reciprocity pact," said Mr. Crocket. "The committee of the United States congress declares that the ratification of this pact will be a long step not merely a step, but a long step towards unrestricted reciprocity, which will mean a closing down of the industries of this city that have been maintained by the policy of protection."

During the course of his address Mr. Crocket also referred to the canvass made against him at some Liberal meetings in the county by J. D. Phinney that he, Crocket, had received an indemnity at Ottawa, the same indemnity as paid to all other members of parliament. Mr. Crocket expressed surprise that Mr. Phinney, who has once been a member of the local legislature, and who had never been accused of refusing to accept the usual indemnity, would so belittle and humiliate himself to be guilty of being the medium for putting forward such a canvass.

Why They Want It.

Continuing Mr. Crocket said that he did not believe that Mr. Phinney believed in reciprocity, and went on to tell of meeting Mr. Phinney's son, now practising his profession in Cincinnati, Ohio, while on a train a couple of weeks ago. On that occasion Dr. Phinney had expressed to him the hope that the people of Canada would not be foolish enough to ratify the reciprocity pact, saying that it was generally understood in Cincinnati, and throughout the United States that the object of the politicians at Washington in the reciprocity pact was to make it possible for the United States to grab Canada.

Dr. Phinney had said that he knew his father was a Liberal, but if he (his father) knew the grounds upon which the pact was supported in the United States he would be ashamed of himself for endeavoring to get the people of New Brunswick to vote for reciprocity. (Great applause.)

Mr. Crocket also referred to the circulation throughout this city as elsewhere throughout the Dominion, of free copies of the Hearst Boston American and said that if anything further was necessary to condemn reciprocity and the Liberal party, this furnished it.

"But Hearst, Taft, Laurier and the whole outfit are not strong enough to force reciprocity down the throats of the Canadian people," declared Mr. Crocket, "and if I ever felt sanguine of anything, it is that reciprocity and Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government will be defeated by an overwhelming majority on Thursday, Sept. 21st."

On Monday night Mr. Crocket will be one of the speakers at a meeting at Gibson.

Golfers to Woodstock.

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ROUSING MEETING HELD AT HARTLAND

Hon. J. K. Flemming and L. P. D. Tilley Address 300 Electors—Liberal "rallies" prove Dismal Failures.

Special to The Standard.

Hartland, Sept. 3.—A large and enthusiastic anti-reciprocity meeting was held in Rideout's hall tonight. In spite of a heavy rainstorm, over 300 people were present and the hall was packed to the doors.

L. P. D. Tilley, of St. John was the first speaker. He discussed the economic side of the reciprocity question and showed that he had an accurate knowledge of farm products in Canada and the United States. He also referred to the record of Mr. Pugsley both as a cabinet minister of the Dominion and as the moving spirit in the Central Railway scandal. This was Mr. Tilley's first appearance before a Carleton county audience and his excellent address and pleasing personality created a very favorable impression.

Hon. J. K. Flemming closed the meeting with an excellent speech devoted to a consideration of the farming and lumber industries as affected by the proposed pact.

Mr. Carvell was billed to address a meeting at Florenceville the same evening. But the rain seemed to have a different effect in the parish of Peel and less than half a dozen were on hand to listen to him and his assistants. Mr. Carvell made his way to Hartland and assisted Hon. W. P. Jones in addressing a rally in the Liberal committee rooms which had been industriously advertised as a counter attraction to the Conservative meeting. Less than 25 electors were present.

Early in the afternoon the Liberals were invited to bring their speakers to the Conservative meeting and occupy half the time but no reply was received. Mr. Carvell evidently remembers his Meductic fiasco and has no desire to repeat the performance.

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LAURIER SHOW DRAWS CROWD

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Moncton, Sept. 3.—The Laurier demonstration Saturday night brought out the biggest crowd ever seen in Moncton. Nine trains brought crowds from all points as far north as Campbellton and both east and west. The Buctouche branch train was run as a special, and people all along the line invited to get on board and ride into Moncton, all free. A special was also run over the Transcontinental from Chipman, bringing in 500 people. Trains were also run over the Albert and Kent Northern and five specials took out the crowd after the meeting.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier alighted from his car he was received with cheers, but as the procession passed through the crowded streets there was an ominous absence of cheering, in marked contrast with the continuous roar that followed the premier on his procession through the streets when he last visited Moncton in the 1904 campaign. There were six bands in the procession, and nine or ten autos, but apart from this the street parade was a dismal failure. Not 50 voters were in line.

As indicating the feeling of the business community, it is significant that the only decorations, besides those on the government buildings, were on Senator McSweeney's place of business, the local Liberal newspaper office and a hotel which is a sort of Liberal headquarters.

Probably 5,000 people, two-thirds women and children, gathered in Victoria rink to hear the speakers, but though hundreds of little Union Jacks had been distributed among the audience, there was a marked absence of enthusiasm.

Senator McSweeney presided, and the first speaker was Hon. H. R. Emmerson, who made a labored address trying to show the benefits of reciprocity. Sir Wilfrid Laurier followed, but he could not be heard fifty feet from the platform, and after he had been speaking fifteen minutes there was a steady stream of people leaving the rink. Sir Wilfrid contented himself largely with combating the idea that reciprocity would lead to annexation. He repeated the statement that under reciprocity trade would flow from Canada to the United States like water through a millrace.

As showing the temper of the audience there was loud applause when Sir John Macdonald's name was mentioned, and again when he denounced Mr. Borden for holding up the reciprocity bill. This plainly irritated Sir Wilfrid.

The last speaker was ex-Speaker Marcil of Quebec. He made the best speech of the evening, but before he had finished at 10.30 there was a great array of empty chairs.

An overflow meeting was held on one of the squares: a few hundred attended. The people were out to see Sir Wilfrid and the big display of fireworks. After that was over they lost all interest in the demonstration.

A sensation was caused by the circulation in the afternoon, hours before the meeting, of a sensational Boston paper, containing a flaming account of the meeting with alleged extracts from Sir Wilfrid's speech. This was dated Moncton, September 2nd, but the paper must have been printed and shipped from Boston on Friday.

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HOW GOTCH'S WIFE HELPS HIM TO WIN

Humboldt, Ia., Aug. 29.—It's the tasty, wholesome food, cooked by pretty little Mrs. Gotch's own little pink hands that is turning the champion wrestler's muscles into whipcords

Frank is as big as a good sized mountain, Mrs. Frank is about as big as a ginger-jar, weight about 95 pounds. But she's got a love ribbon tied tightly about her good-natured husband's heart and she runs the Gotch household like a diminutive queen.

"What does Frank eat? What should men eat in order to be strong? How does Gotch live?"

A day at the Gotch home here tells the story. Little Mrs. Gotch is on the job bright and early when Frank gets out in the cool daylight for his cross-country run. She starts him off with a couple of soft boiled eggs and a bumper of sweet, rich milk and then begins on his breakfast. He returns about 10, takes a shower bath and sit down to breakfast across from his wife in the Gotch dining room He has more milk, chops, boiled eggs or a delicate parsley, omlette, light, fluffy and crisp brown on the exterior; hot baking powder biscuits or day-old, home-baked whole wheat bread. (No fresh, yeast-raised bread is allowed.)

Fruit also forms an important part, not only of breakfast but of dinner, but it is eaten after the chief portion of the meal instead of before because the fresh fruit juices are more easily cared for by a partially filled than by an empty stomach. Just new peaches and cantaloupe are the principal fruits varied occasionally with raspberries, blackberries, huckleberries, grape fruit, oranges and juicy, baked apples.

After breakfast Mrs. Gotch tucks her husband away in his downy-downy for a two hours' sleep. Then she does her mending and embroidering. At 1.30 she awakens him and he departs for the training camp to go through his band-ball, wrist exercises and mat work. After a bath and rub-down there he comes home to a 4.30 dinner, big and wholesome, but daintily served.

Dinner usually consists of real soups (not the watery kind) another big steak or—more frequently—roast beef, roast veal, roast mutton, or roast lamb, with the vegetables that form the natural accompaniments to each—green corn on the cob, new potatoes, butter beets, lima beans, string beans, onions, navy beans, cabbage and rhubarb, prepared a different way every day by Mrs. Gotch.

Then comes a wholesome fruit or vegetable salad, with only a dish of seasoning, followed by pudding or ice cream dessert. Pies are tabooed, but rice puddings, bread puddings, cottage puddings, gelatin puddings, custards and fruit puddings make up for them.

No highly seasoned sauces go on Mrs. Gotch's table, but fruit sauces accompany every dinner. These with home grown honey on dainty slices of bread or hot baking powder biscuits disappear down Frank Gotch's throat in large quantities.

Another side dish is cottage cheese, made from clapper from the Gotch herd. Tea and coffee are unknown, but quarts of buttermilk are offered in cut glass and consumed readily by the smiling athlete.

And there you have the Gotch daily menu. Two meals a day are all he eats—except the eggs early in the morning and the beef tea at midday. Breakfast at 10.30 and dinner at 4.30, with alternate work and rest in between, is what Gotch is doing to fit himself. Mrs. Gotch is superintendent of eats. Trainers and physicians have told her what he ought to have, although she knew already, and he gets that and nothing else.

A spin in the Gotch touring car after dinner, an early evening game of bridge with some of the young married people of the village, or a chat with visitors closes the day. By 9 or 9.30 Mrs. Gotch again takes the young giant in charge, hustles him to bed and wards off all sleep disturbers, from curious callers to dogs and mosquitoes, until morning.

Mrs. Gotch is 19, her husband 34. Both were born and married in Humboldt. She will eventually come into several hundred thousand dollars. They were married last fall when she returned home from college, a beautiful, stylish young woman whom he could almost tuck into his vest pocket.

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