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A CANADIAN AUTOCRAT.

Has power changed Sir Wilfrid Laurier or have all estimates of him, both by opponents and friends, been wrong? Certain it is that the Laurier in the public eye today is not the man with the "sunny ways" we thought we knew all these years.
Laurier as leader of the opposition was chiefly distinguished for his suave and smiling diplomacy, his ability to be all things to all men, his knack, like his greater prototype, Sir John, of uniting dissident party factions by the power of a personal smile. And during his first term he gave no justification for any other idea. He catered, or appeared to, so obviously to various elements in his cabinet and party that the popular mind generally picked out some colleague with more apparent forcefulness as the real "master of the administration."

But after the election of 1900 things began to change. Whether it was his real nature asserting itself or whether the taste of power had changed him, Laurier began to take advantage of the knowledge that himself, his personality was the party's most valuable asset, was the real reason for the party's victories, and he began to make that party dance to his bidding without regard to the grace of the performance or the value of the cause. Those who ventured to oppose their wills to his had to get out.

First Tarte went; nothing serious happened. Pleased with this success he tackled Blair, another reputed strong man, and Blair went. Something threatened to happen here and compelled a temporary return to sunny diplomacy and what Mr. Russell would style "persuasion." But as soon as the danger was past the strong arm business began again.

This session Laurier's determination to hold absolute power has been more startlingly in evidence than ever. Publicly ignoring two of his ablest ministers and trampling on the advice of a majority of the others, he is forcing upon his party a policy which they know to be unjust and injurious and which they have reason to know will be unpopular because it was their opposition to it that won them power only a few years ago. Yet he is forcing them to accept.

Only one of the publicly degraded ministers has resigned and only a few of the rank and file have dared protest. Some of these he will pull back into line with a fake compromise and the way he will force the rest is indicated by the threats published in some of his French papers, that if he does not carry his point he will resign and wreck the party.

Talk about autocrats! If the Csar had all the power he is supposed to have he wouldn't be a whit more despotic than the man Laurier—and not a whit more regardless of the popularity of his despotism. If there is any power to which Canada's present premier bows the knee, it is not any power centered in Canada—or in London.

Whether Laurier's politeness and pleasantness was always only a mask for his autocratic desires or whether the handling of too much power has changed him, has awakened in him a sort of megalomania, is a question worth puzzling over perhaps; but it is not the main question which recent developments should present to every democratic Canadian, demanding a point blank answer. That is: How long are you going to put up with it?

THIS WOULD FORCE PEACE.

A report from Paris says that the French government has given Parliament banking houses clearly to understand that they must not conclude the proposed Russian loan unless Russia is prepared to negotiate for peace. If this prove true the war will end without further fighting or much parley. Money is as important as men and guns and more essential than victories in a long war. If France, as the one power friendly to Russia, refuses financial assistance for a continuance of hostilities, the end will come immediately. It is not impossible that this French refusal, if it has been given, is in agreement with the wishes of the Russian government. If they have to end the war it is conceivable that they would rather do so on such a plea as this than blantly to admit that they were hopelessly defeated on the battlefield.

We know when Mr. Blair resigned; but don't know why. We know why Mr. Fielding will resign; but don't know when.—Hamilton Spectator.

A COSTLY REVISION.

It will be seen that the cost of revising and publishing the statutes of the province has now reached the enormous sum of \$38,349. There are more bills to be paid, so that it is pretty certain that the cost will be more than double the original estimate of \$20,000. Hon. A. S. White, chief of the revising staff, has obtained the healthy sum of \$10,000 for his share of the work, while the accomplished proof reader has been allowed \$2,000 in all. The Telegraph Publishing Company has al-

ready received over \$22,000 on account which is more than four dollars for each of the 5,000 copies printed. The undertaking has been costly to the province, but it seems to have been a source of profit to a number of good government supporters.—Sun.

THE ENGINE'S SONG.

Through city and forest and field and glen
I rush with a roaring train;
My strength is the strength of a thousand men,
My brain is my master's brain.

I borrow the senses of him within
Who watches the gleaming line;
His pulse I feel through my frame of steel,
His courage and will are mine.

I hear as I swerve on the upland curve,
The echoing hills rejoice
To answer the knell of my brazen bell,
The laugh of my giant voice.

And white in the glare of the golden day
Or red in the furnace light,
My smoke is a pillar of cloud by day,
A pillar of flame by night.

—Arthur Guiterman.

CITIZENS' LEAGUE SAYS: WAIT

Civic Election System Needs Changing but Not Now—Property Qualifications for Aldermen Opposed.

The report of the Citizens' League executive who have been considering the proposed change in the system of civic elections was drawn up yesterday and will be presented to the league tomorrow evening.

After describing the present system and its history the report, in its concluding clauses says:
"8. It has been proposed to change the system adopted in 1894 and to provide instead thereof that the city be divided into districts, and that each alderman representing any district in the city shall be elected by the vote of the electors of the district he represents."

9. The executive committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient at the present time to attempt any change in the system of electing aldermen now in force.

10. The executive committee are further of opinion that steps should be taken to introduce a system under which the city may be distributed into a limited number of districts, in each of which districts the alderman representing the same shall be elected by the resident electors of the district and the non-resident electors having property therein.

11. The executive committee are further of opinion that the property qualification for aldermen at present existing should be abolished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
St. John, N. B., March 14th, 1905.
JAMES MCINNEY, Jr., Sec.

TO IMPROVE N. B. SOUTHERN.

Col. McLean Tells of Plans for the Coming Summer.

Col. H. H. McLean returned yesterday from a two weeks' trip to Canadian and American cities. At Ottawa he argued the appeal in the matter of the Calvin Austin, which was decided in his favor.

At Montreal he attended the meeting of the Street Railway Association, which is to endeavor to introduce a protective and pension system among the street railway employees of Canada.

At New York he attended the directors' meeting of the N. B. Southern railway, where it was decided to improve the road during the coming summer and make it a part of a thorough system by making connections with the W. C. R. and Maine Central.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP FAVORED.

At the meeting at Breeze's Corner last evening F. A. Dykeman spoke on municipal ownership. Mr. Dykeman pointed out that competition leads to amalgamation and monopolies. The advantages of public ownership were pointed out, and the increase in public prosperity and the elimination of the principal of "gratuity" from the question of granting franchises. It was pointed out that gas can be furnished in this city for 6 cents per thousand feet, instead of \$1.75, which is now paid.

He quoted the example of other cities to show the good results of municipal ownership and moved a resolution favoring the policy. M. J. Kelly, Ald. Macrae and others supported this and it was carried.

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LOCAL NEWS.

John Branscombe, carrying on a grocery business at 415 Main street, is in financial difficulties. His stock has been seized under a bill of sale, and the premises are now closed. Mr. Branscombe's liabilities will not be very large.

An accident which resulted in the death of a fine animal occurred at the corner of Canterbury and King streets about five o'clock yesterday afternoon, when a driving mare, owned by Joseph Allison, of Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., slipped and fell, and in endeavoring to get up broke its left hind leg so badly that it was found necessary to shoot the animal in order to end its sufferings.

In Calvin church school room this evening Mrs. Worden will sing a solo. To answer the knell of my brazen bell, the laugh of my giant voice. This evening (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock, in St. John's school house, Carleton street, the first of a series of addresses during Lent on the History of the English Book of Common Prayer will be given by the Rev. Canon Brock, D. D.

Will mothers and little girls and boys read carefully the little pink slip to be found in every 1 lb. packet of TIGER TEA? Be sure and read it carefully and try if possible to remember what it says.

All notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths must be endorsed with the names and addresses of the persons sending same.

MARRIAGES.

RYDER-CLARK—At Pleasant Point, March 13th, by Rev. Geo. M. Young, James H. Ryder, of Brookville, and Miss Agnes L. Clark, of Pleasant Point.

DEATHS.

KINNAR—Suddenly, in this city, on Sunday, March 12th, Charles F. Kinnear in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

Funeral from 35 Carleton street on Thursday, March 16th, at 3 o'clock. Service at Trinity Church.

PATTERSON—At her residence, 255 Waterloo street, March 14th, Sarah H. widow of the late David H. Patterson, aged 50 years, leaving one son and one daughter to mourn their loss.

Funeral Friday at 2.30, service at 2.15. REICKER—At Shannon Settlement, Queens Co., N. B., on March 8th, John G. Reicker, aged 47 years, leaving a son, mother, three brothers and seven sisters to mourn their loss. (Lawrence, Mass., papers please copy).

SIMMONS—In this city on Tuesday, 14th inst., Louisa, wife of F. W. Simmons, in the 34th year of her age, leaving a husband and five children to mourn their loss.

Funeral from her late residence, 217 Charlotte street at 2.30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

LAMB—At Perry's Point, Kings Co., March 14th, 1905, Joseph Lamb, aged 61 years and 11 months, leaving six sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

Funeral on Thursday, leaving his late residence at 1 o'clock p. m.

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