# Laurier's Defeat Described As a National Calamity

## *A Never to be Forgotten Scene in St. Peter's Market, Quebec as Aged Chieftain Received Word of Defeat---Taft's Misconstrued Remarks are Credited with Being to Large Extent Responsible for Government Defeat.*

Quebec, Sept. 22.—"We have fallen in a high and honorable cause. We have received a check, but we shall come back again to the fight. I thank you for what you have done for me for thirty years today. We have lost, but our cause shall prevail."

There was a moment's hush in the smoke-filled, dimly-lighted hall of the St. Peter's Market when the speaker had finished the words. It was one of those moments when no one could applaud. Friends and foes alike were silent, and the tall, grey-haired man, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, bowed slightly and was silent. Then came a sudden hand-clap, and the shell was broken.

E. B. Devlin followed, bold, rugged and courageous, but the eye of the assembly was not on him. As he stepped forward to the edge of the platform, Sir Wilfrid moved back to the table and stood for a moment, his head bowed as in deep thought, and no one spoke to him.

The few who witnessed the scene in the big barracks of the market building, when Sir Wilfrid went to get the returns about eight o'clock at night, will not forget it. It was one of the big moments of a nation's history, and the man on whom every eye was fixed was the nation's biggest man. It was more than the fall of a government, it was the checking of an idea, and the end of a tradition, the turning of the tide. Men have died for a lesser thing. This was the wrenching away of power which is some times more than life. The thing lifted itself above its dim drab surroundings and stood upon a pinnacle, and the words which fell from the man's lips were weighed with a great import, which victory itself would not have brought. The man has been great in his many hours of victory, but never greater than in his hour of defeat. Splendid courage, firm resolve triumphing over bitter defeat, the will and the heart holding up the tired body—indomitable pluck, clear grit to the end. It was almost worth being beaten to have been present when the end came. Every eye was on him as he passed through the rotunda of the Chateau Frontenac, but those who looked for bowed head and drooping shoulders were disappointed. Had he been returning in triumph he could not have held himself more erect. The chattering telegraph instrument was still when he got up again to go to his suite. There was no crowding of exultant visitors to shake his hand to let him, the powerful one, see how devoted they were. Mr. Devlin and Mr. Paradis alone accompanied him to his room, and far into the night they sat talking things over.

All his friends in Quebec are thinking of him today. "What about the chief; how is he taking it?" was the question that met you on every side.

The chief; "He is taking it like a chief."

Montreal ,Sept. 22—"How did it happen?" That is the question that has fascinated all Canada today "Reciprocity is repudiated." states an evening paper in three inch type, beneath which in a cartoon headed "The Archangel Chains the Destroyer," a figure of the anti-reciprocity forces with the drawn sword of "loyalty" enchaining the prostrate "reciprocity" with a bond of votes.

"Yesterday's victory was not a triumph of any political party," an editorial declares. "It was won by a patriotic coalition of Conservatives and Liberals, determined that the dream of a great imperishable Canada should not be dispelled."

Another paper, displaying the severed heads of the eight defeated Laurier ministers insists that the time had come for a change in government lest the controlling party become, even against its will, entrenched in graft. Fear of annexation, disagreement with the government's naval and transportation policies, and anxiety lest the principles of independent national development be abandoned were other assigned causes for the surprising change which gives the Borden Conservatives a majority at least of 48 in the new House of Commons.

**Will Have Large Measure of Power.**

The Borden regime will be inaugurated with even more completeness of power than is indicated by the mere statement of majority. Of the 132 Conservative seats but one is held by a Nationalist. Henri Bourassa's lurid appeals to the young French vote of Quebec failed to secure more than the enthusiastic applause from the people who dearly love political campaigning. The elected Nationalist had no Conservative opponent in his district. The names of the victorious leaders and the defeated ones have not been more on the popular tongue today than has that of President Taft. What, if any effect, the result would have on his political career, or on that of his party, was discussed widely. That his own often quoted words, to which were assigned meanings he has said were unintended have been some of the most potent weapons against reciprocity, generally is conceded

The "parting of the ways," as synonomous with the "severance of British ties," wrought much destruction to the Laurier forces. Canadian milling and industrial stocks generally were strong today, with considerable price gains in several instances.

**An Interesting Study.**

The tables showing the vote by provinces afforded an interesting study for the politicians today. It was noted that the Conservative gains in the Maritime Provinces were 7 to the government's 3. In the grain growing and western provinces the government increased its representation by but one, while the opposition secured four new seats. The two most populous provinces showed the most serious cause for government disaffection. The opposition gained 23 to the government's [illegible] in Ontario, and 14 to 4 in Quebec. Deferred elections in four districts are expected to result in four Conservative gains, experience showing that under such conditions a majority of the electorate prefer to have their representative seated on the side of the party in power.

The Borden party will soon take up the reins of the Government. That Sir Wilfrid Laurier will allow no technicalities to delay the opening of the 12th parliament is certain. Today he went to Ottawa from Quebec where last night he received the story of his defeat. It is expected he will retire the earliest moment consistent with the proper arrangements of the large affairs which have so long been under his control. It is said that he has no definite plans for the future

The Liberal organs described the Premier's defeat as little short of a national calamity.

**Sir Wilfrid in Ottawa.**

Ottawa, Sept. 22—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in Ottawa at eleven o'clock tonight. He was met at the Union station by a number of personal friends who expressed their regret at his defeat. Sir Wilfrid proceeded without delay to his residence. He was at his office in the east block this morning.

### *FIRST DRAFT OF BORDEN CABINET*

**Ottawa, Sept. 22—The Ottawa Journal (Conservative) offers the following as a probable Conservative government:**

**Prime minister, R. L. Borden; trade and commerce, H. B. Ames or Sir M. Bowell; secretary of state, Hon. Mr. Pelletier or H. B. Ames; minister of justice, T. W. Crothers or Judge Doherty; marine, Dr. Reid or A. S. Goodeve; postmaster general, Hon. J. D. Hazen or Dr. Schaffner; agriculture, A. Broder or R. S. Lake; public works, Hon. R. McBride or John Stanfield; finance, G. H. Perley or E. B. Osler; railways and canals, E. B. Osler or H. B. Ames; interior, C. A. Magrath or Richard McBride; militia, Lieut. Colonel Hughes or Major Sharpe; customs, Hon. G. E. Foster; inland revenue, R. Forget or Dr. Reid; labor, Judge Doherty or J. Stanfield; solicitor general, O. S. Crockett or E. N. Rhodes.**

R. L. Borden, premier elect, will probably arrive in Ottawa on Sunday or Monday. That was the effect of a telegram which Mr. Borden sent to an Ottawa friend on Friday evening.

In the event of Sir Wilfrid's early retirement from the leadership of the Liberal party, a likely successor, it is said, will be Hugh Guthrie of South Wellington, who, despite the anti-Liberal landslide was returned by a substantial majority.

It is expected that possibly the first session of the new parliament will open on Wednesday, November 8. The new ministers can be named and the necessary elections held before that date, it is thought.

**Congratulations for Borden.**

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 22—R. L. Borden has received about six hundred messages of congratulations by telegraph and cable, many of which he will be unable to answer until he reaches Ottawa on Monday.

Meantime he sends his thanks through the press to all those from whom such messages have been received.

Mr. Borden spent a part of today with his mother and sister at Grand Pre, returning to Halifax this evening. At Wolfville he was met by a large number of enthusiastic friends, whom he briefly addressed at the railway station. He leaves for Ottawa tomorrow morning. Liberal-Conservative friends in Halifax have arranged for a dinner tomorrow night in honor of R. B. McCurdy who defeated Hon. W. S. Fielding.

The parties in Prince Edward Island stand two to two. Nicholson and McLean (Conservatives) are elected in Queens, and Hughes and Richards (Liberals) in Kings and Prince respectively.

**Fisher to Resume Farming.**

Montreal, Sept. 22—The Hon. Sydney Fisher who was in Montreal today stated in an interview that he would probably desert public life and retire to his farm He said he was not sorry to anticipate the rest after his long period of service but his love of Canada forced him to regret the result of the election for he still believed that the Liberal policy would have proved of great benefit to the country. He stated that a cabinet meeting was likely to be called shortly and that resignations would be handed in as soon as everything was put in order for the new administration.

This might be two weeks. He said that he believed that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would return to the fight and lead the opposition in the next parliament.

### *BRITISH PRESS COMMENT*

London, Sept. 22—The overwhelming defeat of Premier Laurier and the Liberal Government's policy of reciprocity with the United States at the polls in Canada yesterday came strongest opponents of reciprocity had not as much as suggested such a majority against the Canadian-American agreement as the Conservative leader, Mr. Borden obtained.

The result is generally welcomed here as Englishmen had felt that the trade arrangement had presaged closer political relations between the neighbors and a consequent loosening of the Imperial ties.

There was slight relapse in the American securities on the Stock Exchange this morning following the news of the Liberal defeat, but the prices soon recovered and later changes were credited to other causes.

The Unionist and Tariff Reform papers receive the news with undisguised elation, while the Liberal and Radical press remind them that the victory was obtained with the assistance of Henri Bourassa, the leader of the French Nationalist group of opposition, who left Laurier because of the Premier's attachment to the Empire.

The Globe (Unionist) says that while there were some side factors in the contest, "the issue was reciprocity and the Canadian people will have none of it. They heard the voice of President Taft in declaring that reciprocity meant annexation. They heard the voice of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in indignant denial, but on the whole, they decided to believe the President rather than the Premier. They were right in doing so. The struggle is on between Imperialism and continentalism as the German papers pointed out months ago and Imperialism has won. The Canadian sees the road to which reciprocity leads. He has no wish to move in the orbit of Washington."

### *U. S. PRESS COMMENT*

The Boston Herald says editorially: "Great oaks from little acorns grow." The remark from the Speaker of Congress that reciprocity would be but preliminary to annexation taken up with alacrity by the minority leader, Mann ,and sent all over the world, has had much to do with the deplorable result of the Canadian elections recorded this morning. No one man wins or losses an election, but one man may "pitch the keynote' of winning or losing the fight. Champ Clark has had his joke. The two countries will pay heavily for it.

The New York Herald says editorially: The voters of Canada have spoken and the result is as surprising as it is emphatic. The result is a triumph for the protected interests of Canada. The effect on the future of Canada of this election must be watched with interest. The new government will go into office committed to a protective tariff. It also opposes the naval policy adopted by the Liberals. It remains to be seen, however, how agricultural Canada will like the bed it has made

The New York World says: Popular stupidity has rarely won a more decisive victory than was gained in Canada, Thursday, when reciprocity was defeated at the polls. The credit for the result must be variously apportioned. Part belongs to the manufacturing interests, which are highly protected in Canada as they are in the United States. Part belongs to the Canadian Pacific railroad, which is more concerned about its own dividends than about the welfare of the Canadian people. Part of it belongs to the United Empire Loyalists; part to the super-patriotic Canadian element which feverishly feared that reciprocity might lead to annexation and part to the American protected interests as a surprise to England. It had been expected that the Liberal majority would be decreased but even the ests which bitterly resisted reciprocity here in Congress and helped to defeat reciprocity.

The New York Tribune says: Canadian voters have evidently been governed more by prejudice than by reason in rejecting a friendly trade agreement by which Canada and the United States would undoubtedly have profited, Though Canada has temporarily refused to sanction a compact intended to expand American-Canadian commerce, the United States will not alter its attitude of friendliness or cease to hope that another agreement aiming at the same results as the Taft-Laurier compact will some day be approved by both nations.

The Boston Post says: The overwhelming defeat of the Liberal government in yesterday's election in Canada which means of course, the defeat of the reciprocity program proposed between that country and ours is a halting of the wheel of international progress, which certainly Canadian themselves will yet come to regret.

The Boston Globe says: The result is a step backward for Canada and a distinct disappointment to this country. Notwithstanding the result of yesterday closer commercial relations are destined between Canada and the United States and when that era is reached, both countries will prosper under the arrangement, but Canada will be the larger beneficiary.

The St. Louis Republic says: For more than forty years the ablest of Canadian statesmen have urged reciprocity upon the United States. A few months ago for reasons of his own, Mr. Taft took them at their words. Under his influence and with the active assistance of the Democrats in Congress ,the measure so far as we are concerned was carried. Now Canadians are sounding the alarms of imperialism, the terror of annexation and the frantic appeals of the interested classes to "patriotism" and ignorance, having rejected our advices and pinned their faith in Toryism, empire, non-intercourse and privilege. We have learned something and Canadians will learn something later on

### *CANADIAN COMMENT*

Toronto, Sept. 22—The Telegram (Conservative) editorially says: "This is the voice of a God and not of a man" was the song of Hon. G. P. Graham and Hon. W. L. M. King, of the Globe and the Star, and the whole tribe of flatterers who flunkied Sir Wilfrid Laurier to his ruin. Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not understand the economics of industrial, agricultural or commercial life any more than the Globe does. The soul was taken out of Ontario Liberalism by the "cynical, smiting shallowness' of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sir Wilfrid made war on independence inside the Liberal party. Under him Canadian Liberalism had to choose corporation lawyers for its candidates and free trade theorists for its counsellors. One true and genuine Canadian among the cabinet ministers of Ontario or in the management of the Globe or Star could have saved Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the final folly of his reciprocity dissolution. But Sir Wilfrid Laurier had built unto himself a cabinet in which the Premier was a man of poses rather than of principles, in which the old men were babblers of vain theories and the young men were flunkies. And the destruction of that cabinet is entirely due to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's lack of size and soul of strength."

Montreal, Sept. 22—The Montreal Star, (Conservative) says editorially: "While the remarkable tidal wave of public opinion which swept everything before it yesterday was incidentally a great victory for the Conservative party it was only incidentally. A coalition created by the Canadian Federation forty-four years ago, a coalition saved the Canadian Federation yesterday and in so doing saved Canada to the British Empire. Patriotic sentiment and intelligent self-interest united the industrial and the agricultural classes, Liberal and Conservative in defence of the National Policy under which Canada has prospered so abundantly whether that policy was carried out by Liberals or Conservatives Until the present campaign by maintaining Sir John's policy the government wisely kept the tariff out of politics. They went out of their way to make it a party issue once more and the result is that the majority of 44 in the House of Commons is turned into a minority of 44 so far, and all the leading members of the ministry except the premiership are personally defeated.There are lessons for both parties in Canada in yesterday's result. For the second time in its history the Liberal party has come to grief through its leaders coquetting with Washington. That lesson will probably suffice for the present generation. The Liberal Conservative party has won a tremendous victory chiefly by the negative policy of opposing the radical errors of their opponents."

### *PROMINENT MEN'S VIEWS*

William Jennings Bryan: "I have been through many campaigns but I have never been accused of anything so bad as were the leaders in Canada," said William Jennings Bryan tonight, in telling the state board of trade of his visit to Nova Scotia from which he has just returned. "I am glad to bring a word of encouragement from Canada. I felt perfectly at home there. I never saw a place where public men are regarded so poorly as in Canada.

"When I was young," he continued, "I thought that all Democrats were good and all Republicans were bad, but as I grew older I saw so many bad Democrats and so many good Republicans that my views have broadened so after years in the numerous defeats that I have passed through. I am sincere in the belief that which I advocated was right it would triumph in the end."

Congressman Underwood, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, of Birmingham, Ala., when informed of the result of the Canadian election said: "I am greatly surprised and disappointed to learn of the defeat of reciprocity in Canada. I believe that reciprocity would have resulted in good to both countries and both countries as a result of today's election have suffered material losses."

Champ Clark, Knoxville, Tenn., Speaker of the House of Representatives, refused to comment on the early returns from the Canadian election. Later he remarked: "The returns seem to make certain the defeat of reciprocity." He had been in politics too long to further comment upon the returns until complete.

Premier J. D Hazen of New Brunswick said: "The result of the elections show that Canada is not for sale. There is nothing but good feeling for our friends south of the border, but Canada resented the efforts of the yellow journals and the enormous flood of money provided by the American trusts and forwarded for the purchase of sandbagging the free people of the Dominion into renouncing their allegiance to the British flag. Canada has decided for all time to come to become an intergal part of the British Empire.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Ottawa, gave out the following statement when the result of the poling was made known: "This has been a great fight on the greatest issue ever raised in Canada. The decisive victory is a supreme tribute to the common sense and loyalty of the Canadian people. I have no doubt that Mr. Borden will form a strong and progressive government which shall prove worthy of the trust reposed in him."

Wm. R. Hearst stated today that he was leaving for New York tomorrow where he would urge a wider application of the reciprocity principle than was embodied in the defeated reciprocity agreement between United States and Canada.

### NO FOUNDATION FOR RESIGNATION STORY

"The story that I am to resign the seat in Edmonton is absolutely without foundation," said Hon. Frank Oliver last evening when his attention was called to a sensational report in the Journal to the effect that he would not represent Edmonton in the next parliament.

"As I have been given such a magnificent endorsation by the city and district. I will of course discharge the obligation that the electorate have honored me by placing upon me."

### MONSTER HATS ARE BANNED.

**Big Fine Imposed Which Manager is Bound to Pay.**

Berlin, Sept. 21.—Herr von Jagow, the Berlin President of Police, has raised a storm of protest in the feminine world by his new decree forbidding ladies to wear hats when seated in the stalls in the theatres. The new order is attended by a penalty of $25 for each offence, which, however, Herr von Jagow decrees is not to be paid by the wearer of the hat, but by the management of the theatre in which the hat is worn.

The women are violently up in arms, and are warmly supported by their milliners, who declare that the police president will ruin their business if he continues to devote such attention to women's wearing apparel.

Herr von Jagow states that he is impelled to issue this decree with a view to the "preservation of public order," inasmuch as the wearing of large hats by occupants of boxes frequently leads to violent altercations with people whose view of the stage is shut off.

**Four Burned to Death**

Youngstown, O., Sept. 22—At least four persons were burned to death and more that a dozen others were seriously injured in a fire here early today which for a time threatened to destroy a large part of the town. A blaze followed the bursting of a eight inch gas main near a Polish boarding house, which, filling quickly with gas, caught fire and was burned to the ground. The police believe the bodies of additional victims will be found in the ruins.

### MORINVILLE.

Bulletin News Special.

Harvesting operations in this district have been delayed for a week, owing to constant wet weather.

The Morinville fair took place on the unlucky thirteenth, but in spite of a heavy afternoon the day chosen was much better than most of the days which followed. The fair was a distinct success, there being a big attendance good exhibits and some fine races. In the evening a public dance was held in the hall and over two hundred were present. For next year it is hoped the exhibition committee will have erected a spectators' stand and large stock and show buildings.

On Sunday the 24th inst. special thanksgiving service will be held in the Union Protestant church at 3 p.m., at which Rev. Dr. McQueen will officiate. On the Monday night following a Thanksgiving supper will be served by the ladies' aid.

Mr. Clark who conducts a real estate business here left for Edmonton this morning with a large display of excellent grains and grasses collected from this district for display at the dry farming congress at Lethbridge. The people of the south will see what a real crop looks like.

Some real estate people are booming a townsite on the C. N. R. north of here as being "The only place of any importance between Edmonton and Athabasca Landing." Morinville is still on the map and very much alive.

### KERROBERT.

"A year ago and now," were the comparisons of reminiscent citizens on Thursday last, which was the first anniversary of the town, and flags were in evidence in honor of the occasion. On that date one year ago there wasn't a building—not even a shack in this place when the town lots were sold at auction. A small collection of tents housed the prospective buyers. The sale over, building begun with a vim and go, and before the year closed a creditable village stood on this imposing townsite. A council and board of trade were also in active operation, and business of every kind was well established. The early spring brought an equally active resumption of building, which is still in steady progress. Large and commodious stores, offices, half a dozen implement agencies, about as many well stocked lumber yards, a couple of banks, a fine twelve-page newspaper, a hospital, happily seldom needed, a two-roomed school with a $26,000 new one in course of erection, a strong union church, and scores of fine dwellings are among the products of the year. A vote has also been taken for incorporation as a town, which will be an accomplished fact early in November. The prospects too are good for making the town the judicial centre of the district, and to urge this upon the government at Regina will be the mission of an early and influential delegation. Altogether in retrospect and prospect there is every encouragement, and the future of the lusty youngster is fully assured.

Interesting as local matters are, the wider outlook in the political situation is not obscured, and there are days when politics are red hot. A very crowded meeting was held last week when Mr. H. C. Lisle, M.L.A. for the constituency, and Hon W. R. Motherwell, provincial minister of agriculture, were the speakers, but this gathering was quietness itself in comparison with street discussions. Passing by one of the corners the other day the crowd suggested what might be a free fight in the east, but upon inquiries it was found to be "only politics." There seems to be little doubt, however, but Kerrobert and district will give a very distinctive quota to Mr. Champagne's large majority. Time, and particularly another year, would tell very favorably for the reciprocity pact. No better practical argument could be given than the large threshers' output which, unfortunately, this season, will not be all that was hoped for. A view of the great areas, too, of unbroken land, if the people will but take it, must work need of a market which reciprocity will open. The present productiveness calling for this is but a whisper of the resounding voice yet to be heard. It will surely be a tremendous mistake if the people of the west make any uncertain pronouncement out for them the conclusion of the in favor of reciprocity Let the verdict be unanimous in all the provinces.

### WETASKIWIN.

Bulletin News Service.

The season for the shooting of prairie chickens and grouse opens on October 1st, and the game is limited to ten a day to each hunter. It is regretted that many of our so called sports are ignoring the law in this matter and are now bringing in this game in large numbers.

F. McKenney of the C.P.R. freight department was transferred to Strathcona this week. Mrs. McKenney will also be leaving the city in a few weeks to join her husband.

Ed. Mehus has moved his household effects from Beatrice street to C. F. Sealund's cottage on Lorne street, east side.

Mrs. Bailey of St. Thomas, N.D., who has been spending the past month visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. H. Moyer, left on Thursday en route for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Shantz, who have been spending the summer renewing old acquaintances in different parts of Ontario, arrived home a few days ago.

Mrs. MacLead and Miss MacLead of Calgary, were in the city during the past week visiting Mrs. F. H. Bearsto, who is an old friend.

Arrangements are now under way for the holding of the annual field day in connection with the public schools in the city. The date suggested at present is Friday, October 6th.

The Hercules Rotary Engine Co. is preparing to make some quite extensive tests upon the high pressure engine which they have completed. They are installing a direct current electric generator together with the instruments for measuring the power. This installation will be complete in a few days, when the people interested can see the engine pulling this load.

Chas H. Glin, M.P.P., was at Calgary this week attending the organization meeting of the Scandinavian Liberal Association in that city. He gave a good address on the reciprocity question.

This section of the country was visited by a slight snow fall ,the first of the season, on Wednesday night. There was also a little frost, but no maerial damage would be done.

The Penoka basket ball team came up for a friendly game on Friday afternoon last, but owing to the inclement weather, the game was not played. They will likely come up again in a few days.

Miss Jordan of Winnipeg arrived in the city last Friday on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Fowler.

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## POLICE ARE BAFFLED BY THE BANK ROBBERS

**Many Theories But no Definite Clue Which Will Lead to Apprehension of the Men Who Got Big Loot at New Westminster.**

New Westminster, B.C., Sept. 20—No definite clue—that is the sorrowful admission of police officials who have had a fruitless search for the men implicated in the most colossal robbery in the history of Canada. A quarter of a million dollars were taken by safeblowers from the Bank of Montreal, and so far there is no clue.

Thiel detectives , acting for the bank, and Pinkerton men, for the insurance companies, started to work on the case on Friday afternoon, and several Vancouver detectives have joined in the search.

In their scouring of the countryside late yesterday the police encountered one man on Douglas road, an unfrequented line to Vancouver, who thought he had heard an automobile pass at great speed in the night. But nothing further could be learned of this incident, though the police made a diligent inquiry on the way from New Westminster to Vancouver.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars of the loot was in new five and ten dollar bills, which the robbers will have some difficulty in passing. Of the entire booty, the most valuable from the robbers' standpoint will probably be a bunch of old bills of different banks amounting to $85,000, and of these packages there is absolutely no record.

**Safe Not Drilled.**

It is not thought by those who have examined the safe that it was drilled. The detectives have a theory that a small charge was first used to loosen the door to a slight extent and then a good sized charge was let in behind the door, with the result that it was blown completely off its hinges. After the explosion, the robbers loaded all the money into a blanket, pulled it into a bedroom, and divided the spoil. The detectives are also of the opinion now that the three men seen by the Chinaman were the only ones concerned in the robbery. They think that one man manned the lookout ladders in turn, while the other two—the smaller men—blew the safe.

A curious fact in support of this is that the men undoubtedly divided the money amongst themselves and apparently into three packages. Each would have had about forty pounds in weight of gold to carry besides large packages of bills. There were three distinct impressions on the bed, showing where the men had been sitting when dividing the coin.

In digging out the masonry at the wall, not more than two men could have been occupied at a time, and two could probably have handled the blowing operation as well as half a dozen. The fact that they divided the swag into three portions is rather against the theory that they escaped in an automobile. If they had a machine standing near the bank, the obvious course would have been for them to have piled the stuff into the car and get away as soon as possible.

**Only an Hour Start.**

The most reasonable proposition, the police declare, is to suppose that each took a portion of the loot, and separated. It is not likely that the burglars had more than an hour's start. When the Chinaman, who had been tied in the basement, got away, the first policeman he found was Officer Bourke, who found the interior of the bank still filled with smoke when he entered. He immediately telephoned for the chief and the manager of the bank and the office was still suffocating when they arrived.

### CONAN DOYLE FOR HOME RULE.

**Well Known English Author and Twice Conservative Candidate Comes Out for Measure.**

Canadian Associated Press.

London, September 22—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has announced his conversion to the policy of Home Rule for Ireland. He gives it as his opinion that a solid loyal Ireland is the one unit which the empire needs. Pointing to the success of Home Rule in Canada and South Africa as examples of the successful application of the system, he argues that there is no reason to believe that it would not be equally applicable in Ireland. Sir Arthur has twice been Conservative candidate for the commons on policy against Home Rule.

**Steamer Rammed and Sunk.**

Port Huron, Mich., Sept. 22—The steamer Joliet was rammed by steamer Henry Phipps at an early hour this morning about a mile and a half below this city in the St. Clair river. The Joliet was sunk and the crew had a narrow escape getting away on the wreckage. It is said no lives were lost. A heavy fog pre-