

THE ANNEXATION CRY IS ARRANT NONSENSE

Sir Wilfrid Thus Describes Conservative Wait at Valleyfield—C.P.R. President Gives Amusing Interview in Winnipeg Concerning Aikins and Bennett.

Valleyfield, Que., Aug. 27.—The closing meeting of the campaign of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Quebec held here Saturday, proved to be one of the best of the week. Nearly 7,000 people listened to the prime minister, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and Hon. Sydney Fisher, and great enthusiasm was displayed. Sir Wilfrid left Saturday evening for the Maritime Provinces. Valleyfield is one of the busiest manufacturing and industrial towns near Montreal. The immense plant of the Montreal Cotton company, the water power developed by the Canadian Light and Power company, and many other giant enterprises, make it a centre of considerable importance. Nearly every speaker refuted the allegation that reciprocity would hurt the manufacturers. Several big firms were mentioned in the agricultural implement trade who, although their make of articles enters Canada with reduced duty under the pact, were quite prepared to support reciprocity. Hon. Mr. Fisher also said that the fiercest opponents of reciprocity were the Canadian packers and middlemen who had been enjoying profits characterized by the speaker as "extravagant and exorbitant."

Sir Wilfrid was well received. In dealing with the annexation cry he said: "It is simply arrant nonsense. Annexation could only come either by conquest or by voluntary agreement. No one hints of the intention of the United States to conquer us by force and if ever the Canadian people are asked to vote in favor of annexation it will not be by the Laurier government, or by a Liberal government."

The Toronto Board of Trade manifesto, the premier considered an insult to the intelligence of the people. "We want to remain Canadians and Canadians we will remain whether the United States shall trade with us or not. I tell the United States that the greatest mistake they have made for the past fifty years, was to treat Canada as a negligible quantity."

The prime minister said that his faith and courage increased as the fight went on. He had many so-called chiefs to fight. There was Mr. Borden, the head of the remnants of the Conservative party; Bourassa—here a small Nationalist clique shouted: "Hurrah for Bourassa."

"You speak too soon," returned Sir Wilfrid. "You should know Mr. Bourassa says himself the Nationalists are not a party."

There was Joseph Martin and Hon. Clifford Sifton, who represented themselves only, and Mr. Monk, who was only the lining of Bourassa's coat. "Though much in appearance, these forces were little in reality. The speaker traced the history of reciprocity, covering familiar ground. "It is not the manufacturers who are against reciprocity," he said, "because it does not harm them. The farmers benefit by it and when the agricultural classes are rich the country is rich. Reciprocity benefits the working man of Valleyfield as much as any man in the country."

The premier denied, on his word of honor, that the navy law contained a provision for compulsory service. Canada had become a nation he said, without violence and without separating from the Mother Country, a unique occurrence in the world's history. As a nation Canada required a navy for self-defence.

In concluding Sir Wilfrid, who expressed his belief in victory, urged the return of the Liberal candidate in the riding of Beauharnois, Mr. Papezou.

Some Welland Liberals Are Dissatisfied Welland, Ont., Aug. 27.—Dissatisfaction has been expressed at the result of the Liberal convention here Friday, it being claimed that the convention was packed in favor of German. Instead of only the delegates voting, as is usually done at such nominations, everybody voted, it is said, and, the delegates were crowded out.

The Liberals of Pelham, who some time ago held a meeting and passed a resolution asking for a straight Liberal reciprocity candidate, decided to hold a public meeting in the town hall, Pelham, this evening, to take up the situation. A great many are anxious to ascertain the influences used and the pressure brought to bear in inducing William Munroe, the Conservative candidate, to withdraw.

Ex-Reeve Leslie McMann, Thorold, will likely keep his promise, made several weeks ago, to stand as a reciprocity candidate for Welland county in opposition to Mr. German. A contest between the two is quite probable as Mr. McMann on Saturday said: "It is quite likely I will come out. However, I will give you a definite answer on Monday."

Altona, Aug. 27.—The meeting held here Saturday evening by W. H. Sharpe, Conservative candidate for Lisgar, was very poorly attended, only forty persons being present. Mr. Sharpe scored the Laurier government for bringing the election on the farmers and not time to attend the meetings. He said reciprocity would ruin the country as the price of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep would be greatly reduced and even if the farmers gained anything on wheat and barley it would be very little. He said if he had anything to do with it he would raise the duty on horses, cattle and all farm products and lower the duty on manufactured articles. The country was prosperous and it would be wise to let well enough alone. He was followed by W. J. Tupper, who spoke so fast that it was hardly possible to follow him. During Mr. Tupper's speech half the audience left the room. The people around here are all strong for reciprocity and this will give Greenway a good majority on September 21st.

Says They Are Not Now Solicitors Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., arrived in the city yesterday on his annual trip of inspection. In the party of the president were R. B. Angus, E. T. Galt and H. S. Hall, of Montreal, and W. D. Matthews, of Toronto. As to what effect the new tariff would have on the Canadian Pacific, if it went into effect the president stated that he never discussed political questions. It was suggested that the Canadian Pacific was well situated for the new conditions, owing to its control of the So line.

"Yes," said Sir Thomas, "it is well situated, but the Canadian Pacific is not our first love. As long as we can carry goods through Canada and give employment to Canadian workmen we will not carry them through the United States."

"You must be interested in this election," Sir Thomas was asked, "when your two solicitors in the west, Mr. Aikins and Mr. Bennett, are both candidates?"

"Neither Mr. Aikins nor Mr. Bennett is a solicitor for the Canadian Pacific," said Sir Thomas quietly.

Mr. Aikins Responds to the Wink. Calling Mr. Aikins, who was engaged in conversation with Sir William Whyte, the president added: "I have just stated that you are not now solicitor for the Canadian Pacific. That is the fact. 'People suppose,' said Mr. Aikins, 'that because I was at one time solicitor for the Canadian Pacific that I am hired to that company for life. I gave up my position as solicitor for the company twelve months ago. The papers are hammering me as solicitor of the C. P. R. although I have no more connection with the company than I have with private individuals who at times ask for my advice or assistance.'

Sir William Whyte stated that the former connection of Mr. Aikins with the C. P. R. was being used against him without justice in the present political campaign. This connection had been severed and the former solicitor had now no connection with the company. He was occasionally asked for advice, but if elected as a representative of Brandon he would be as free to act as any other member of the House.

Grain Growers' President Denounces Annexation Cry. Brandon, Aug. 27.—At the great meeting in Alexander on Saturday in the interests of Mr. Hill, the Liberal candidate, J. W. Scallion, president of the Manitoba Grain Growers, dealt with the annexation cry as an insult to Canadian manhood and an insult to the Canadian people to suggest that any portion of them would barter their loyalty for any trade consideration.

He continued: "Surely when we went to Ottawa and suggested that the preference to Great Britain be increased by fifty per cent. and that in ten years we should have free trade with Great Britain, there was no display in that. (Cheers.) The lines of production and consumption in the United States were rapidly coming together. Mr. Scallion continued, and in a very short time the United States would be a great importer, and there was no country better adapted to meet their trade requirements than Canada. He held that Canada never enjoyed greater prosperity than in the years following the reciprocity arrangement of 1854, and despite the fact that the same arguments were used and the same cry of annexation went up against it, once reciprocity had been adopted, the annexation cry entirely disappeared.

ed. He invited a representative of the other side to show that the increasing trade that Canada was now doing with the United States had in any way affected her loyalty or was leading to annexation and disruption of the empire. (Loud cheers.)

A Corporation Lawyer. Mr. Scallion concluded by referring to Mr. Aikins as a "corporation lawyer."

"If you send Aikins to parliament the C. P. R. will go to the government for concessions and what do you suppose this gentleman will do who has fought against your claims when your stacks of hay were burned, against your claims when damage was done to your cattle, against the widow when her husband was killed. If you think that this is a man who is best qualified to serve your interests then by all means vote for him," said Mr. Scallion.

Gamey Assisting Currier. Port Arthur, Ont., Aug. 27.—R. R. Gamey of MacIntosh, arrived yesterday to commence the tour of Thunder Bay and Rainy River, speaking the important places in this section and about Kenora and Fort Frances in the interests of J. J. Garrick, the Conservative candidate. Last evening he addressed a meeting at Muriel, denouncing reciprocity in strong terms. He predicted the Conservatives would win 11 seats in Ontario.

Great Meeting for Connee. Hon. A. G. McKay, leader of the Opposition in the provincial House, and James Conner, Liberal candidate in Thunder Bay and Rainy River, addressed fully three thousand persons in the Arena Rink here last night. It was one of the largest political gatherings ever assembled at the head of the lakes and was taken by members of both parties as an undeniable indication that Sunny Jim's following is increasing every hour. In a masterful address, Mr. McKay dispelled once and for all what apprehension a certain proportion of the grain element here may have entertained regarding reciprocity. He showed that which would prove good for the rest of Canada must be good for the head of the lakes, and that the government which had made it possible for Fort William, and Port Arthur to jump from villages to thriving cities, in a few short years, would scarcely turn its back on them now.

NORTH YORK FARMERS ARE FOR RECIPROCITY

Higher Prices and Wider Market Will Follow Passing of Pact—T. C. Robinette, Who Succeeds Sir Allan Aylesworth, is Personally Very Popular.

North York Farmers, of both political parties, believe that the trade agreement will mean even better times for the agricultural communities. They expect higher prices and the increased opportunities of a greatly widened market. They will retain the lucrative Toronto market at their very doors, and will also go after the markets of the other cities.

Mr. Robinette personally is proving to be very popular in the riding. Some of his opponents have tried to make capital out of the fact that he was a lawyer and not a farmer. Mr. Armstrong, the Conservative candidate, himself, although he owns a farm, does not work it and is a conveyancer. Robinette is carrying on an active campaign, and is meeting with marked success everywhere.

North Simcoe Conservative Farmers Will Vote Liberal. Toronto, Aug. 28.—Impartially surveyed, the political situation in North Simcoe indicates a growing sentiment in favor of the government and its policy of reciprocity. In the rural sections many Conservative factions are openly in favor of the agreement and do not hesitate to declare their intention of voting for the legislation which they have been offered in response to their organized demands. Throughout the riding Mr. Leighton McCarthy is enthusiastically received, his reception never being as cordial and his candidature never so heartily endorsed in town and country. His friends are rallying to his support and the opinion is generally prevalent that he will be elected by a large majority. On the other hand, Major Currie is having an uphill fight, the position of his party on the trade question being in accordance with the general feeling of the country. The wishes of many Conservatives in Collingwood, which will be the battleground of the riding.

McCarthy has a strong hold on the populace. Personally he has a great many close friends, and generally is recognized that Collingwood owes to him much of its prosperity and progress.

Sir Allan Aylesworth to Speak at Brampton. Sir Allan Aylesworth, minister of justice, speaks at Brampton on Saturday. The Liberal candidate has been making a tour of the riding in an automobile, and reports much encouragement. Richard Blain, the Conservative candidate, has represented the county for ten years, knows the constituency like the back of his hand, and is a thorough organizer in every polling sub-division. His last majority was 289. Reciprocity is all that is talked. In 1891 the Liberals carried Peel on this issue, but perhaps there is not much Liberal sentiment today. The farmers and dairymen and market gardeners have profited by the Toronto market and the Conservatives are making the most of the value of the home market argument and not without effect. In the part of the country where grain-growing and stock raising are the chief industries, few will make gains for the Liberals, and according to his forecast has a fighting chance to redeem the county. On the other hand the Conservative enthusiasts are betting that Blaine's majority will be materially increased.

May Run in Vancouver. Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 28.—There is a well defined report abroad that Rev. Dr. Fraser, of the First Presbyterian church, will resign and will be an Independent Conservative candidate in the coming election. Dr. Fraser is a very prominent orator. Dr. Fraser was questioned about the rumor but declined to make any announcement admitting he was thinking of running. He promised a statement next week on his return from a visit to Winnipeg.

Beauvoir, Que., Aug. 28.—Dr. Gustave Turcotte, ex-M.P. for Nicolet, was again nominated by the Liberals to contest the division. At the convention this afternoon Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. Jacques Bursau, Oscar Gladu, M.P., and others spoke.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 28.—Alderman Joe Leclair tonight received the Conservative nomination in Malabarville to oppose Mr. Alphonse Verville, ex-M.P.

Casgrain in Megantic. Montreal, Que., Aug. 28.—It was announced tonight that T. Chas. Casgrain had decided to accept the Conservative nomination for Megantic following the withdrawal of the former candidate owing to ill-health. Mr. Casgrain will leave the field in his own riding of Montmorency clear for Hon. Rodolphe Forget, who will run as Conservative candidate against Mr. Parent, a son of the Hon. S. M. Parent.

No Deferred Elections in B. C. Ottawa, Aug. 28.—The date of the election in Chicoutimi has been fixed for September 25, four days after the general voting. There will be no deferred elections in Chicoutimi. No decision has yet been reached regarding elections in British Columbia. No decision has yet been reached regarding elections in Prince Albert and Mackenzie.

New Lord Chancellor For Ireland. London, Aug. 28.—Redmond Barry, Attorney-General for Ireland, has been appointed Lord Chancellor of Ireland, in succession to Sir Samuel Walker, who died at Dublin, August 18.

HANGED JUDGE IN EFFigy. Seven Citizens of Seattle Arrested for Offence. Seattle, Aug. 28.—A sequel to the hanging in effigy of United States District Judge Cornelius Hanford, and the utterances at the mass meeting on Friday of inflammatory speeches, denouncing the court for issuing the injunction restraining the people of the Rainier Valley from interfering with the Seattle, Renton and Southern railway, which is involved in a dispute with its patrons, occurred last night, when several leading citizens were placed under arrest, charged with conspiring to obstruct the administration of justice.

Those arrested were Oliver T. Erickson, member of Seattle city council; Leroy Saunders, editor of the Seattle Star; John H. Henry, attorney; Deputy Sheriff Hugo Kelly; Paul Mohr, labor leader; Thomas Horner, attorney; and Will Atkinson, real estate dealer.

A warrant for the arrest of A. W. Fawcett, who was ousted from the office of mayor of Tacoma, in the recent recall election, was issued and sent to Tacoma for service.

Customs Officials Seize Steamers. London, Aug. 28.—A third steamer, the Beagle, loaded with munitions of war, has been taken charge of by the customs authorities at Barrow harbor. According to an interview with the Portuguese minister in the Daily Express, the steamers Arizona and Foam Queen, which were seized by the authorities a few days ago, have probably been detained on his representation to the British government that they might be connected with the Royalist move in Portugal.

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PROGRAMME Academy of Music, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1891. W. R. Brock, Esq., has kindly consented to take the chair. SPEAKERS: SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, G.C.B., P.C., Etc. SIR CHARLES TUPPER, BART., G.C.M.G., C.B., Etc. G. R. COCKBURN, E. COATSWORTH, LEUT.-COL. F. C. DENISON, C.M.G. The Two Policies: The Conservative Policy, The Liberal Policy.

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ENTWISTLE Crops are looking well. Several carloads of freight for the C.N.R. in Peace River, the freight thirty miles down the P. MacMillan Bros. moved their largest lot of camp No. 1 to this grade, where they will operate at once. The railway commissary few hours in town to-day a suitable site for the station. The Liberal club is a series of political meetings. The regular meeting of the club was held last night. Business of importance was transacted. The south road was mentioned. The first train of the Entwistle fall line moved south through a wicket, the first train being by Mr. Macintosh, goods inspector.

BEAVER LAKE There is not a poor rat in the district. Wheat crops are equally good. Ready for cutting in all Barley is now ripe. Jack Livingston started in an excellent field of about 17. Malcolm McCallum has a fine field of oats. Mr. Munroe has a big crop of wheat. Dan McCallum has a factory figure a half size to Mr. Whittin. The electors arrived at Beaver Lake have signed on the local option temperance people claim they have signed three to of the dry ticket. James Stewart is engaged a road to Vegreville. The road will be completed within thirteen miles. Miss Kerr, the new teacher, has commenced her duties on the farm. The farmers have been busy haying.

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Harvesting has commenced in the district. The Great West Coal Co. still sinking a shaft. The mine is being worked by a group of engineers. The grade stakes for the Great West Coal Co. will be in a few days. People from the district are in very bad luck. A motor car was damaged in a collision with a horse. A motor car was damaged in a collision with a horse. A motor car was damaged in a collision with a horse.

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