WILL RETIRE IF DEFEATED

Sir Wilfrid Makes Dramatic Announcement at Meeting Yesterday.

St. Jocome, Que., Aug. 24—In the midst of his speech here today and just at the conclusion of a vehement attack upon the Nationalists in which he repudiated the statements that service in the navy would be obligatory, and that the navy bill was just another scheme to gain him honors from England, Sir Wilfrid Laurier startled his audience by announcing that if defeated in the coming elections, he would retire at once and forever from public life and would not lead the opposition in the next parliament.

"Rest to me is very sweet now," said the Premier, "and if defeated not a word of reproach will pass my lips."

Sir Wilfrid stated it he was twenty years younger he would continue in parliamentary life, regardless whether the Liberals or the Conservatives gained the victory; but that at his age and with his record, he declared that he had earned a rest. It was Sir Wilfrid's reply to the statements that have been circulated by the Nationalists that lead up to his announcement.

A Baseless Lie.

After characterizing the story of compulsory naval service as a baseless lie, he referred to the charge that he sought imperial honors.

"No King," he said, "can give me the honor that I most pride, the love and respect of my countrymen.

The popular verdict, Sir Wilfrid continued, was that which he considered the highest honor.

It was strange to hear the Premier speak of age and frailty for he stood erect and firm as ever and his voice was clear and resonant dispite his many speeches during the past few days, while his young colleague, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux made but a brief address owing to hoarseness which he has contracted during the past few days.

Sir Wilfrid spoke for 35 minutes.

The Premier in his address realized that there were many Conservatives in the audience and at one time addressing these he warned them not to be led into an alliance with the Nationalists whose "policy was ambiguous and leads nowhere."

Endorses Candidate.

Sir Wilfrid warmly endorsed the candidature of Dr. Sam Desjardins, who was nominated by the Liberal convention for Terrebonne, in which division the village is situated.

At the last election Dr. Desjardins ran as an Independent Liberal, but Thibideau Rinfret, supported by Sir Wilfrid, was the candidate. The local opposition candidate is again Bruno Nantel, late M.P.

Sir Wilfrid in his address dealt with the same topics which he has handled at all meetings in this province.

He spoke of the prosperity which Canada had been experiencing and emphasized the large market which reciprocity would open to the farmers.

Turning to the opposition he stated that the present Conservative chiefs were turncoats and not of the same calibre as Macdonald, Carter and Chapleau.

He reviewed the history of reciprocity and closed with a discussion of the navy bill and a reply to the Nationalists which lead up to the announcement of his retirement in case of defeat.

The meeting was well attended and the village was liberally decorated in honor of the occasion.

Other speakers were Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. E. B. Devlin and Mr. J. E. Ethier, Liberal candidate in Two Mountains.

Dr. Fournier presided.

Montreal, Aug. 24—The Liberal convention for St. Anne's division tonight nominated J. C. Walsh, crown prosecutor to oppose G. J. Doherty, sitting member.

Mr. Doherty was unsuccessfully opposed by Mr. Walsh in 1908.

The only other name before the convention was that of John Gallery ,a brother of ex-Alderman Dan Gallery.

The Conservative nomination for St. Mary's division held tonight nominated Henri Bougie, funeral director, to oppose Mederic Martin, who is again the Liberal candidate.

Winnipeg, Aug. 24—The result of the court of revision on the voters' lists today is a net increase of fifty-two names. The greatest increase was in Central Winnipeg, where twenty-nine were added. Only ten new names are added in South Winnipeg, while two were struck off in North Winnipeg. The technicality on which Rev. Dr. Gordon and Rev. Dr. Bland might have been struck off was waived. They were not absent on business nor through sickness unless holidaying might be for that latter reason.

NO WORD RECEIVED OF MISSING TUG MARTIN

Midland, Ont, Aug. 24—No word of the tug Martin, reported lost in Georgian Bay, has been received here today. It is stated that the wires to French River are down, and it is just possible that the tug may have escaped and that it might be impossible to get word.

The fact, however, that those who escaped from the "Albatross" picked up one of the Martin's boats, is regarded as a bad omen for the safety of the tug, which it is surmised, was carried under when the barge which she had in tow foundered. Capt. Geo. Vent is 46 years of age, and has been a sailor for over 30 years. Among others in the crew are: Frank Busaume, Robert Hook, Ernest Hughie, Dick Mellis, F. McQuinn, Billy Martin and Chas. Oliver.

All are Midland men. Oliver is married. The tug is valued at $7,000.

BORDEN'S MEETING IN BERLIN WAS HOSTILE

Anti-Reciprocity Utterances Hissed by Artisans—Sensational Disclosure Concerning "Interests" Interference in South Waterloo.

Bulletin Special.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 22—The handwriting on the wall in so far as Ontario is concerned was conveyed to R. L. Borden at his big Berlin meeting where the Opposition leader had gone to preach the doctrine of Anti-Reciprocity, and where the mention of the name of the Minister of Labor the Liberal candidate in that constituency, caused a spontaneous outbreak of enthusiastic cheers, while the reciprocity utterances of the Conservative Leader were greeted with hisses. Berlin is a manufacturing centre and the working men turned the Borden meeting into a reciprocity demonstration.

A sensational disclosure was made by Hon. MacKenzie King at a meeting in Galt. He told the gathering there that Dr. Sylvester Moyer, the Liberal candidate in South Waterloo, who is engaged in a manufacturing concern at Preston, had been notified that if he ran as a Liberal candidate on the reciprocity issue he would have to sever his connection with his company, of which he was general manager. Dr. Moyer refused to be bullied and had relinquished his position.

The Tactics of the Interests.

"These are the tactics to which the anti-reciprocity interests are resorting," declared the Minister of Labor.

"Can there be any question under the circumstances of the spirit in which electors will rally to the support of a candidate who has made so great a sacrifice."

HON. McKENZIE KING Who Made Sensational Announcement at Galt Concerning Interference by the "Interests" in South Waterloo.

Dr. Moyer in a spirited speech declared reciprocity to be the new and true National policy.

While Tory Toronto is the head of the anti-reciprocity interests the Liberals are claiming a good chance of winning the South Toronto seat, Controller Ward is the candidate, and is rallying great support from the working men.

Hon Clifford Sifton opened his campaign at Ingersoll tonight speaking under Conservative auspices with Donald Sutherland, the Conservative candidate associated with the ex-Minister on the platform. Curiosity to hear him drew a large crowd. Hon. Clifford Sifton will campaign for the Conservatives in Ontario for the next ten days. He follows the lines of his address in parliament.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier continues to sweep all before him in Quebec.

Next week the premier goes to the maritime Provinces where a great welcome awaits him.

Premier Deals With Naval Issue.

St. Eustace, Que., Aug. 22—In the shade of a church, bullet scarred by the English in rebellion of 1837, Sir Wilfrid Laurier held one of the best meetings of his Quebec campaign yesterday in the village of St. Eustace. Sir Wilfrid spoke with fire and vigor, astonishing many old men who had heard him during his last appearance in the district in 1896.

Reciprocity was but lightly touched by Sir Wilfrid Laurier here, but instead the Premier took occasion to dissect the naval law obviously to offset the vigorous campaign waged by Henri Bourassa in this district against this plank of the Liberal platform. The Premier replied to the attacks of Edmund Bristol, of centre Toronto. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux was in fine fighting form and attacked the Nationalists without mercy. There were about 10,000 at the meeting. Elaborate preparations were made to receive Sir Wilfrid.

Sir Wilfrid remarked on rising to speak that it was his second appearance before the electorate of St. Eustace, the first occasion having been in 1896. He pointed out that when the Liberal government had replaced the Conservative admission, ruin had not overwhelmed the manufacturers as the prophets of the day had promised. The most partisan of Conservatives must admit that the country had never enjoyed such prosperity as today. He quoted statistics on natural products, showing what Canada would save by the removal of the tariff duties.

As To the Reciprocity Question.

Reciprocity had not been received unanimously on either side of the line. The United States farmers had objected to it on the ground that it benefitted only the the Canadian farmer and President Taft had replied that it also benefitted the American consumers.

"I now come to my ex-friend, Mr. Bourassa" said the premier (laughter) "He was a friend of mine once, and some day will tell you how he ceased to be my friend. His object is to overthrow Laurier, but he is not alone. Mr. Borden says the same thing in Ontario, and Mr. Monk and Mr. Sifton. Mr. Monk is the shadow of Bourassa. He bears the trumpet on the floor of the House, which Bourassa sounds. Mr. Sifton has separated from me on the reciprocity issue. He has said nothing except to disagree with me on that point."

W. A. BUCHANAN, Lethbridge, the Liberal Candidate in Medicine Hat and for whom Premier Sifton will Speak in Lethbridge next week.

Sir Wilfrid discussed the Bourassa charges that the premier was a traitor to his race in voting for the naval law, having betrayed Quebec into an imperialistic policy.

"Canada is a nation,' he said. "Le Devoir says that we are not a nation, but I would be ashamed to go to France or England and be unable to say I am a Canadian and I represent a nation. Bourassa said in St. Hyacinthe a week ago Sunday that, although there was no conscription, when Canada had fourteen warships, it would be necessary to introduce conscription. I deny this. If at $1 a day we cannot get enough men we should give $2 a day. When Major Currie, of Simcoe, suggested in the House that enrollment be by lot, I answered that the Government had no intention of establishing coercive enrollment."

Lion in One Place; a Lamb in Another.

Sir Wilfrid pointed out the difference between Bourassa's attitude when speaking to English people in Lachine and to French people in rural parts. He was a lion in St. Eustace and a lamb in Lachine. There was an entente between Bourassa and Borden, not perhaps signed and sealed, but existing never-the-less. In Ontario Sir Wilfrid was attacked as an anti-Imperialist. In Quebec Bourassa attacked him for being too imperialistic.

"Four days ago in Toronto," said the Premier, "Edmund Bristol of Centre Toronto addressed an audience in that city and to quote the Montreal Gazette, said "He flayed the Prime Minister for showing he was not Imperial enough. 'And, yet,' said Bristol, 'These are the men in whose hands the destiny of Canada is entrusted. In fact we are not fighting the Liberal party, we are fighting Laurier and Fielding.'"

"I repeated in the House of Commons: I say it again here; I am not an Imperialist, I am not an anti-Imperialist; I am a Canadian first and always, and there is my only policy. That is the policy I have maintained for fifteen years. It is my policy to give justice to all."

In the evening the premier addressed a large audience at Ahuntsic, a Montreal suburb.

Marcial to Oppose Marcial

Montreal, Que., Aug. 22—Mr. Tancrede Marcil, one of the young men of the Bourassa wing of the Opposition, was nominated today to oppose Mr. J. Marcil, M. P. for the County of Bagot.

Vancouver Tories Badly Split.

Vancouver, Aug. 22—At the Conservative convention tonight after two hours of balloting, Alderman H. H. Stevens was nominated to contest Vancouver in opposition to J. H. Senkler, K.C., Liberal. The British Columbia list in seven constituencies is now complete with the exception of the Conservative nominees for Nanaimo, which will be decided tomorrow night and will likely be F. H. Shepherd.

Borden at Owen Sound.

Owen Sound, Ont., Aug. 22—Electors gathered here today from a radius of forty miles around to attend the meeting addressed tonight by Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party. On his arrival today he was met at the station by prominent citizens, and a procession was formed, headed by a score of pipers, a military band and a bugle band. At the market square Mayor Lemon presented a civic address of welcome, to which Mr. Borden replied briefly. When the Conservative leader entered the large rink in which he spoke tonight, he was presented with an address from the Conservatives of North Bay. Mr. Borden in his arraignment of the government's reciprocity policy, dwelt upon the prominent position Canada was destined to occupy in the affairs of the Empire, and urged his hearers not to forget that position at the behest of President Taft.

Three Candidates in South Toronto

Toronto, Aug. 22—Of all the Toronto ridings, South Toronto promises to furnish what will be by far the most interesting fight at this election. At present there are three candidates in the field and there may be another. The entries in the free-for-all to date are: A. Claude MacDowell, Conservative favorite , Controller J. J. Ward, Liberal candidate, and Donald C. Hossack, Independent candidate. The Canadian Protestant Association has not decided whether or not to place a candidate in the field but according to one closely in touch with its movements, the probabilities are that the organization will endorse one of the Candidates already in the field. It was thought that Mr. Hossack, whose candidature was announced yesterday, was the standard-bearer for this new organization, but one of the officers of the Protestant Association said today that they have as yet not endorsed any candidate.

To Interview Candidate.

It is understood that this new political organization will interview the candidates and that its decision on the candidate will be made after three men, now in the field, have disclosed their position in matters which the association wants to know.

The Protestant Association will ask the Candidates to declare themselves on the "Ne Temere Decree" also on the policy of "One School for Canada." And in view of the fact that both MacDonnell and Controller Ward are adherents of the Roman Catholic church their answers will be awaited on with much interest.

Mr. Hossack, the independent candidate, announces that he will make a statement in a few days declaring his position on the different questions confronting the public.

Montreal, Aug. 23—There have been many rumors and stories in circulation since the opening of the election campaign concerning Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist chieftain. A prominen Liberal this morning came out with an interesting theory regarding Bourassa's present position. He stated that Bourassa is backing Borden with the understanding that the Conservative party of Quebec will back him when the Provincial elections are called in the attempt to seize the reins of power in this province by Nationalists. Should the attempt be successful Bourassa would be Premier.

Conservative Reciprocity Candidate

Beeton, Ont., Aug. 23—Announcement by William McDermott, of Beeton at the South Simcoe Conservative convention last week in Cookstown, that there would be a Conservative Reciprocity candidate in the field was followed yesterday by the decision to bring out Thomas Hammill, farmer of Beeton. Hamill has decided to run in response to the requests of a large and influential deputation of farmers of the riding who waited upon him today. The Liberals will hold their Convention next Monday night, but it is said they are prepared to endorse Hamill, who has decided to oppose Haughton Lennox K.C., re-nominated by the Conservatives.

Toronto, Aug. 23—East Hastings Liberals at Tweed nominated P. P. Clarke, of Stola, for the Commons. He is exceedingly popular in the riding. He is Reve of Limerick township, and ex-Warden of Hastings. His opponent is W. B. Northup, who was re-nominated by the Conservatives.

Osler Was Re-Nominated.

Toronto, Aug. 23—E. B. Osler, the Toronto financier, was re-nominated by West Toronto Conservatives.

Will Reduce Farm Implements

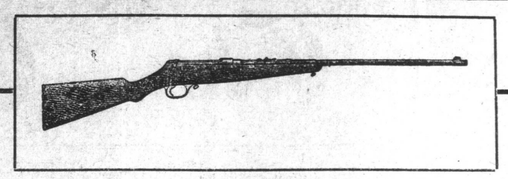
Winnipeg, Aug. 23—Something in the nature of a sensation, but a sensation which called forth loud applause was caused last night at Ashdown's meeting in the central committee rooms by the statements made by H. Wilbur Hutchinson, managing director of John Deere Plow Company, Winnipeg. Mr. Hutchinson stated that if the Reciprocity pact went through his company would at once reduce the price of every harvester by $5 of every mower by $3, of every rake by $1.50, of every seeder by $5, of every wagon by $5, and off all other implements and machinery in a similar ratio. Further Mr. Hutchinson stated that this competition would force every other local importer of American agricultural machinery and every local firm selling Canadian agricultural machinery to institute the same reduction.

Ashdown's Telling Speech.

In his address a very telling passage was when Mr. Ashdown declared that to leave well enough alone was not the character of the Anglo-Saxon race. Refuting almost with impatience the cry of disloyalty, Mr. Ashdown said he took a back seat to no one in the matter of loyalty to the British Flag. At the same time Mr. Ashdown made an eloquent appeal for friendly relations between Canada and the States, contending that it could only rebound to the advantage of the Mother Country for such relations to be maintained. Mr. Ashdown said "Wheat seems to be, at present, the only grain that will stand long shipment, and allow sufficient margin to the Western farmers. But oats, barley and flax, the two last especially, can be very profitably raised in this country and can find a very good market in the States, an unlimited market. At present the farmers will not raise these because he cannot get a reasonable price for them.

Fire in Vancouver's Chinatown.

Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 24.—One Chinaman was burned to death and thirteen were injured early this morning in a Chinatown fire, which wiped out a small tenement.



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FIND A TRACE OF PAINTING

Reported That Man Seen Carrying Panel Covered with Horse Blanket.

Paris, Aug. 24—M. Drieux, the examining magistrate who is conducting the inquiry into the disappearance of the great painting "Mona Lisa" is at last in possession of a clue which he hopes will prove the starting point of a more profitable investigation.

A Parisian official has come forward with the information that last Monday morning he saw an individual who appeared greatly agitated carrying a large panel covered with a horse blanket. The man jumped on the 7.47 express for Bordeaux as it was pulling out of the Quai D'Orsay station. As the station is a few minutes walk from the Louvre, the time corresponds with the time the picture is believed to have disappeared.

The magistrate attaches great importance to this information, the more as he has no reason to doubt the good faith of his informant, and he has sent a message to the Bordeaux police with a full description of the individual.

A report that the picture has passed through Belgium is also being investigated. A thorough search is being made of the Louvre, which has been closed for three days for that purpose.

Report From Brussels.

Brussels, Aug. 24—A report is current here tonight that the missing picture "Mona Lisa" passed through Belgium yesterday in a freight train so well concealed as to escape the vigilance of the police on the frontier. The picture is said to have been taken by way of Namur and Liege, in the direction of Holland. The information is said to have come from a trustworthy source and is being followed up vigorously.

Carney, of Saskatoon, Sold.

Saskatoon, Sask., Aug. 25.—Carney, the catcher of the Berrypickers, has bene sold to the Chicago White Sox and will report to that club next spring. The price is $1,600. Thos. Carney, is 21 years of age, and this is his first year in professional baseball. He looked good to Scout Sullivan when he was in town recently and this led to the deal. Carney is the best backstop in the league and a hard-worker and is pretty heavy with the stick.

Liberal in St. James, Montreal

Montreal, ue., Aug. 22—Alderman L. A. Papointe, who has been for some years the leader of the city council, was tonight nominated as Liberal candidate in St. James at a largely-attended convention. The Conservative candidate has not yet been named. The convention was held somewhat late, as it was not known until quite recently whether or not Mr. Honore Gervais, the late member, would retire from the field to accept the appointment of Judge of the court of the King's bench.

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CONGRESS ADJOURNED UNTIL DECEMBER NEXT

President Taft Vetoed Cotton Tariff Revision Bill, the Announcement of the Veto Being Received by the Democrats with Laughter.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 22.—The first session of the sixty-second Congress ended today and immediately the exodus of members began. President Taft joined with several hundred legislators in the Hegria and tonight official Washington was comparatively deserted. The adjournment was featureless, despite the strenuous activity that had gone before. The President vetoed the cotton tariff revision bill, just as he had vetoed its two revision predecessors, the wool and the free list bills.

The veto went only to the House, in accordance with custom, and there its reception was marked by Democratic laughter and Republican applause. As soon as he could be heard, Mr. Underwood announced that as the Democrats did not have the two-thirds majority necessary to pass the bill over the President's veto, he would merely move the printing of the veto and accompanying papers and their reference to the ways and means committee, of which he was the chairman. The House agreed to this fixed course. With the committee the matter will rest until the whole subject of tariff revision legislation is renewed at the regular session of Congress, which will convene at noon Monday, December 4th.

FROST DANGER OVER

Higher Temperatures Prevailing and Mercury is Still Rising—Lowest Registration at Calgary.

Winnipeg, Aug. 24—The frost danger has, temporarily at least, passed eastward for all over the western provinces last night higher temperatures prevailed. The lowest record was at Calgary, where 34 degrees above was the minimum. Excepting Emerson where it registered 37 all other points stayed above 40. Present forecasts and indications promise still warmer weather. The damage from recent cold, wind and rain is now known to be very light. In most of the sections where crops were beaten down they have already gained strength and are standing almost erect again.

BORDEN GETS A HURRY CALL

Conservative Press Admits He Will Meet Defeat in Halifax.

Toronto, Aug. 24—Borden's friends advise him to cut short his Ontario tour and hurry on to the Maritime provinces. Nova Scotia Conservatives are reported in a panic at the remarkable sweep of the reciprocity sentiment and the leader will decline to arrange further Ontario dates in his anxiety to save himself in Halifax.

A special dispatch to the Conservative Montreal Gazette admits the defeat of Borden at the hands of Attorney General MacLean in Halifax. It says: "Taking an impartial view of the whole situation in this province it may be considered sure that Borden will not carry his own constituency, but will take a majority of members from this province."

The conviction of the leader's defeat has caused the collapse of the Conservative confidence, and frantic efforts are made tonight to arrange a safe seat for him. This is now the difficult thing in Ontario.

North Toronto Liberals tonight nominated W. H. Shaw to contest the seat with Foster and the feature of the convention was the number of Conservatives who refuse to support Foster in view of his record. The character of public sentiment is manifest in the Conservative anxiety concerning seats in Tory Toronto. The Liberals are jubilant and declare they have a good chance in the north, south and centre ridings. Out of five Toronto seats only the east and west are now conceded to the party which held all in the late parliament.

Louis Wigle, Conservative ex-M.P. for South Essex is the latest supporter of reciprocity. In a statement to the press he says: "I have talked this reciprocity for the last thirty years. It was the policy of our Conservative leaders. I claim to be as good a Conservative as ever. But I am one of those who some times put country before party."

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