

# STARK FIGHT MEETING MEANS GREAT LIBERAL VICTORY

## GREAT RECEPTION IS GIVEN PUGSLEY AND LOWELL

Hall Crowded to Doors, Though The Notice of Meeting Was But Short-- Important Announcement re St. John River Storage Dams--Enthusiasm Runs High

The overwhelming majority which St. John city and county will roll up at the coming elections for Mr. James Lowell, the Liberal candidate, was indicated by the enthusiasm for the loyalty to the confidence in the standard bearer of the party shown last night at the meeting in the Temperance hall, Fairville. The meeting opened at a gathering of the party shown last night at the meeting in the Temperance hall, Fairville. The meeting opened at a gathering of the party shown last night at the meeting in the Temperance hall, Fairville.

## RINGING CHEERS FOR FRIEND OF LABORING MEN

James Lowell, who was introduced by the chairman as the friend of the laboring man, was received with a storm of applause and cheers which lasted for at least two minutes. If ever there was a doubt as to what kind of a vote Fairville will give Mr. Lowell, it must have been dispelled last night. As he made his way to the platform there was wild cheering.

Mr. Lowell was in excellent form and delivered a vigorous address in which he set forth the Liberal policy for the support of the laboring man, and discussed in an interesting manner the issues of the campaign.

Mr. Pugsley was at his best and it was a matter for regret that there was no longer hall available to the speakers. He had been heard by a greater number of electors. In the course of his speech he made the interesting announcement that the engineers of the St. John River Commission had recommended the construction of storage dams on the river.

In introducing the first speaker, the chairman said that the great success of reciprocity was absorbing the attention of the people of Canada as no other issue had ever been placed before them for their decision, and said they were glad to see the platform gentlemen would be able to tell them the truth about this important trade agreement.

W. J. Mahoney expressed his pleasure at being present on the same platform with the candidate who would be the next member from the city and county (cheers), and the Liberal leader of New Brunswick, who would be the next representative of St. John city.

Taking up the subject of reciprocity Mr. Mahoney showed how both parties had favored this policy and that one of the great arguments in favor of consideration had been that by presenting a united front Canada would be able to force the United States to restore the reciprocity agreement. Since then both parties had failed of this until in response to President Taft's advance Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government had arranged the present agreement. (Cheers) Before the historic policy of reciprocity many of their newspapers and their leaders had expressed their approval of the proposed arrangement.

"Now," he continued, "they say that reciprocity will lead to annexation. Our trade with the United States already amounts to \$400,000,000 a year and has placed us in any danger of annexation? It has not; we Liberals are Canadians."

"In order to condemn on principle any treaty of reciprocity, one must first contend that Sir John Macdonald was neither a Conservative nor a protectionist, that he was an enemy of the Empire and of the Canadian confederation, and bring true Conservatives and the people at large to accept that contention." From "The Reciprocity Agreement," by Henri Bourassa.

## THE FISHERMAN A FACTOR on a larger and more important scale in St. John's vicinity when his goods are entered free in the States by the Reciprocity Pact.

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## LIBERAL WARD ROOMS

The Liberal Ward Rooms for the various wards are located as follows: QUEENS, DUKES, SYDNEY, CLIMO'S Entrance, 88 German street.

WELLINGTON--LaMarche Hall, 19 Prince-C-A-C. Rooms, 22 Waterloo street, (over Joe Dalzell's).

DUFFERIN--400 Main street, (next McConnell's Grocery).

LEWIS--Temple of Honor Hall, Main street, (next O'Connell's Building).

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## LIBERAL CHIEFTAIN SPEAKS TO 10,000 IN HALIFAX

Monster Demonstration for Sir Wilfrid Shows That Capital City of Nova Scotia Will Send Two Liberals to Ottawa--Province Likely to Defeat Every Conservative

Halifax, Aug. 30--Ten thousand people jammed into the Arena, tonight to hear Sir Wilfrid Laurier and to give him a striking assurance that the city of Halifax will return two of its supporters to the next parliament.

Attentive and sympathetic, the large audience, many of them standing, followed closely the several speakers, and were greatly impressed by the weight of argument presented in favor of the reciprocity pact.

Dr. E. Blackader and Hon. A. K. MacLean, the Liberal leaders, were given a magnificent reception and clearly a strong following and every prospect for a victory over the opposition leader and his allies in Halifax.

Supported by Hon. W. S. Fielding, Sir W. Borden, Hon. G. H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, the Liberal candidates, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Liberal chieftain held tonight the most successful political meeting ever known in Halifax.

As the band played the air which headed the entrance of the chieftain, the 10,000 people in the rink rose simultaneously to their feet and cheered with all their strength for Laurier, a demonstration only rivaled by the unparalleled meeting in the city of St. John, two nights before.

After the general cheering had subsided, Sir Wilfrid, who in delivery, expression and choice of English, is an orator of a high order, paid eloquent tribute to Sir Wilfrid and to Hon. W. S. Fielding, which was received with great applause by the audience.

He said Sir Wilfrid, like the Roman emperor, had turned his nation from a backwater to a world power. This he had done in 1896, when Canada secured the greatest imperial gift of the century.

Sir Wilfrid was the next speaker, and was again given a magnificent reception. He gracefully acknowledged the greeting attributing the enthusiasm which had manifested throughout his tour as the approval of the policy of the government, of which he was the leader.

He spoke of seeing the monument to Joseph Howe in the city, and reminded the audience that the greatest of this province of Canada was a place on behalf of reciprocity in the city of Detroit in 1867. When Sir Wilfrid mentioned Sir Borden's name, in discussing the reciprocity pact, there was some hand-clapping followed immediately by three hearty cheers for Laurier, many of the audience crying to their feet in their enthusiasm.

When order was restored, Sir Wilfrid effectively silenced those responsible for the applause.

Laurier sees Borden's Finish. "I am not surprised or displeased at this applause for Mr. Borden," said the premier. "I know that his life has been a political battle and his last opportunity for the applause of the public."

He then gave an account of the time the news might carry to Montreal and Toronto that Borden's name was given with applause. So there was cheering, but there was much stronger cheering for MacLean and Blackader, the two men who

pointed at my request, to investigate the river conditions and the possibilities for the construction of storage dams on the upper waters to provide a steady flow of water for driving logs and also for the development of the water power. I am glad to be able to tell you that the estimates are favorable to the construction of these dams."

Dr. Pugsley paid a glowing tribute to Sir Wilfrid, the chairman of this commission, who is a native of Fairville, and referred to his elevation to a position of the new international commission, who powers, he said, as far as the mutual interests of the two countries are concerned, are almost as great as those of the Hague tribunal.

Turning to the question of reciprocity which he said was the paramount issue of the campaign, Dr. Pugsley expressed surprise that it was meeting with opposition. When the recent negotiations were entered into he said it was generally supposed that the United States government would not consent to any tariff arrangement that did not include manufactured articles. He told how President Taft in a speech given at New Orleans said that his government had been authorized to enter into an arrangement which would include manufactured articles as well as natural products. When the United States commissioners came to Ottawa, however, they were informed that the question of manufactured articles was never considered, and that the Canadians were prepared only to enter into discussion which would result in the renewal of the treaty of 1854, taking in a few additions. The speaker next went on to show that Messrs. Fielding and Pugsley had not rushed into the matter of arranging the tariff blindly as had been argued in some quarters, but on the basis of a full knowledge of the facts.

## MEETINGS TONIGHT!

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