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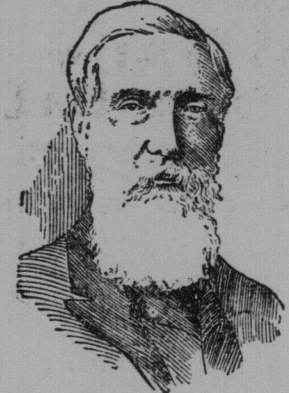
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## TRUE BLUES IN REBUTTAL.

Grand Executive Pass Resolution Denying Statements at Brantford.

The grand executive of the Loyal True Blue Association was held yesterday, those present being, James W. Pickett, G.M., and E. N. Sherriff, G.M., Pickett, G. M., Ingram, G. Sec., and E. H. Turley, G. Treas., Port Perry, R. C. Newman, G.O., and William Fitzgerald, P.O.M. Matters of importance were considered, including organization work and the advisability of establishing an insurance fund.

A resolution was adopted in rebuttal of the statements made in the address of the Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, at Brantford, concerning the alleged repudiation by the association made in 1901, to give the Orange body a share in the orphanage fund, when, as desired, and it was said that since then the True Blues had been collecting money from them on the strength of such willingness.

In reply, the executive states that since 1897, when co-operation was rejected by the Supreme Grand Lodge, no authority was given any one to make propositions for soliciting donations, the home being deemed itself worthy of assistance. No committee was appointed in 1901 to confer, and the committee of 1902 to confer as to tributions would entitle, had no power to bind the association, but were simply to prepare a report.

"Further," the resolution says, "we have unbounded confidence in the Loyal True Blue Association and a belief that its members, who have distinguished themselves in the past by liberally giving to every good cause will not forsake so commendable a work."

## ACCIDENT CAUSES DELAY.

The Bell Telephone Company had intended cutting into a new switchboard tonight, with the expectation of having the system working smoothly by Monday morning, but an accident which occurred yesterday has postponed the change for two weeks.

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If your doctor says this is the best cough medicine you can take, then take it. We are willing to leave it with him.

## THE OIL QUESTION

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has grown rich. Now, with each still an active participant in the affairs of the oil field, owning many hundreds of wells, they divide sharply on the tariff issue.

Both of these gentlemen conversed freely with The World, each defining his position and concluding with the assertion that for thirty odd years they had contended against tariff reductions—for protection for the native article—and seen the security of the oil business menaced all this time by the ever present fear of tariff tinkering.

A suit for \$10,000 damages. Now Mr. Fairbank stands for the reduction of the duty, a proposition against which he has given the last years of his life to opposing. Still he defends his position most plausibly. He attributes his change of front to changed conditions and points to his vast holdings of oil wells—574—to refute the charge that he is secretly in the pay of the Standard Oil Company, as an explanation of his present attitude on the tariff. A. C. Edwards of the hostile camp, a large owner of wells, is confronted with a suit for \$10,000 damages brought by Mr. Fairbank because he is alleged to have fathered such a statement. This is an evidence of the bitterness of the struggle.

But it is the spectacle of these two strong pioneers of the Petrolea oil industry—Noble and Fairbank—diametrically opposed after fighting for tariff protection for thirty years, that lends a puzzling aspect to the problem presented. With Mr. Fairbank are Charles Jenkins and J. L. Englehart, two of the most influential oil producers in Ontario. They control some 800 wells between them. On the same petition are many other Canadians who receive a large revenue from their crude oil production, 118 all together.

Mayor John Noble is the owner of the largest number of wells among those who oppose a reduction of the tariff as ruinous to local interests and calculated to place the industry at the mercy of the Standard monopoly. With him as heavy producers are J. E. Armstrong, John Kerr, James Kerr, Edward E. Grant, William Gleeson, Frank Riddell, A. C. Edwards and 528 others.

**Says Conditions Have Changed.** This gives some idea of the amazing situation here—a conflict that can scarcely be explained upon the theory of honest difference of opinion as to the effect of a reduced oil tariff. But Mr. Fairbank and his steady supporters a reduction of tariff until a year ago. Then conditions changed. The supply of native oil fell off until the oil industry at Sarnia could operate less than half the time, while the production increased enormously in the States. Then, too, he had foreseen when parliament foolishly placed the same duty on refined and crude that probably the rate must be increased on refined or reduced on crude. He conceived that the price of crude Canadian oil was determined by the quotation on refined, and since a barrel of crude in the course of refining is reduced nearly one-half in volume, it followed that tariff ratio could not be maintained. Therefore, he consented and urged a reduction of crude to two cents. Otherwise the Sarnia refinery, with a capacity of 1,000,000 barrels of crude oil, would be forced to close. It was not fair to put a prohibitive duty on crude oil when the native product was lessening annually. In that event the Sarnia refinery must close. That would leave the Canadian producers with but the Petrolea refinery to consume their oil, and it had but a 100,000 barrel capacity. He ridiculed the idea that the oil field would be damaged by the reduction. The Petrolea refinery is on ground to receive the oil, while the Sarnia's raw material must be pumped sixteen miles from the field. He thought this alone would give the Petrolea refinery sufficient advantage, combined with the remaining 80 cents tariff on the crude article. With a producing capacity of less than 500,000 barrels of crude annually, the two refineries consumed 1,000,000. Unless the balance could be imported, a change in the refineries was inevitable. He thought in perfect fairness, if it could be said the Imperial Oil Company, controlling the Sarnia refinery, was a Standard affair, because the Standard Oil Company, operating the Petrolea refinery, could be as properly termed a corn-planter concern, since that American rival of the Standard was largely interested in the Canadian. Both were dominated by foreign capital to the same extent.

**Always the Disturbing Factor.** Mr. Noble saw things differently. In the first place, the instability of the tariff had always been the disturbing factor. Contemplated investments were frequently interfered with for fear an industry, dependent upon the prosperity of the local production, would be swamped by foreign competition any moment the tariff was reduced. The very agitation, therefore, had hurt the native business very much. He had seen the duty come down from 15 cents a gallon, gradually, until the Reform government made the sweeping reduction to two cents. He believed if it went to 2 cents it would ruin the local industry and permit the Standard, with its vast resources in the States, to dictate the conditions on which it would purchase the Canadian article. Then, too, it would render the price of the refined article to the consumer cheaper. The trust would absorb all the profit. When the Canadian tariff was 15 cents a gallon, the United States tariff was 40 cents.

This was the difference in the protection afforded the industries of the two countries. The production of Canadian oil had gone down gradually from 500,000 to 500,000 gallons. He thought the prospects were excellent for some improvement. In any event, he would not be fair to reduce the tariff until the Leamington field was exploited. Evidence pointed to a considerable increase from the operations there. He would give the new field a chance in any event.

**Lots of Oil in Canada.** As to the Imperial not having a sufficient quantity of crude oil for its full capacity, it was true, Mr. Noble said, however, the company knew what it was doing when it erected the big refinery at Sarnia. Its offer of employment, 20 or 150 more men, if the duty was reduced, Mr. Noble said, was nothing compared with the material prosperity of the Canadian oil field. The Imperial was on the direct water communication with the States. It was put down, its facilities would enable it to get crude oil from the States in such quantities as to completely annihilate the Canadian refinery. Competition would not be possible. Then, too, it was the entering wedge, and he feared, if the concession was granted, the demand for total abolition of the tariff restrictions would follow. As at present, the business was so prosperous as to permit constant search for new territory in Canada. Development was progressing all the time. The "wild-cat" expeditions were working in many parts of Canada. He believed there were vast quantities of oil underlying Canada. It would be developed in time, but the investigation must cease with a reduction of duty, since it would so cheapen the native product that there would be no object in continuing the hunt.

G. C. Porter.

## PANAHA LABORERS TO STRIKE.

Panama, April 1.—The railroad laborers threaten to strike to-morrow unless the principal one being an increase of wages from \$2.25 to \$3. The railroad company claims it will be unable to accede to the demands until the canal commissioners arrive here Tuesday next. The government has taken necessary precautions to prevent disorder and protect the company's property.

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## WASHINGTON SOCIETY EMBARRASSED

Fear Attendance at Countess Casini's Fete May Violate Neutrality.

New York, April 1.—Official society

is more than a little exercised over the lawn fete which the Countess Casini, niece of the Russian ambassador, is planning for May 6 for the benefit of the Russian Red Cross Society, says a Times despatch from Washington.

Mrs. Hay and most of the women in the diplomatic circle have been asked to serve as patronesses.

The pro-Japanese sentiment, however, coupled with the recent executive order that all government officials and employees refrain from any expression of opinion or sympathy that could be construed as a violation of neutrality is embarrassing many of the countesses.

Miss Alice Roosevelt is said to have promised to attend the fete, but she is not likely to take any active part therein.

South Bloomfield, Vt., April 1.—A posse to-day captured Reuben and Edward Bronson, brothers, wanted for the murder of Charles Lyons here late last night, which resulted from a family feud. They offered no resistance.

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## PULPWOOD IS PAPER.

New York, April 1.—The board of United States general appraisers have declared that roused pulp wood is free of duty as paper stock.

A bitter fight was made by the paper manufacturing companies which have pressing plants in the United States to keep out the Canadian roused wood. Customs officials have until the present time been classifying the wood as "blocks or sticks, rough hewn," at 20 per cent.

**A Trunk's Travels.** A rather amusing incident which befell one of our Toronto travelers comes from Kamloops, B.C. It seems that the traveler told a coolie boy to take a sample trunk down the hotel stairs.

John got the trunk to the Toronto factory, but something happened, and the ill-fated box went crashing to the bottom and out on the street. Dismissing the traveler pursued the vanishing coolie and then returned baffled to inspect the damage. Imagine his surprise to find his trunk unharmed and his crockery samples intact, notwithstanding the bumping. The trunk in question came from the Toronto factory of East & Co. Mr. East, when told of this incident, remarked that the Russians might yet find the inside of a modern trunk to be a safer spot than the deck of a battleship.

**Bullet in Brain, May Live.** Sermour, Conn., April 1.—Hecko Hattiko, a Pole, who shot three bullets into his wife's head, was captured to-day hiding in a hay mow. Mrs. Hattiko has a chance of recovery, although one of the bullets penetrated her brain.

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## "The Horse Repository."

Attention is called to the advertisement in another column of next week's sale of work horses and drivers on Tuesday, and polo ponies, saddle horses and combination horse on Thursday next.

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