

ON THE FIRING LINE

Remember that the Polls Open at 9 a. m. and Close at 5 p. m. On September 21

Who are the Victoria voters that will settle the question of reciprocity as against continued restriction on Sept. 21 insofar as local votes can do it?

They are the citizens who have vested and established interests in the city of Victoria; the voters who think and speak of Victoria as their home city. Many of these are known as "Old Timers," the almost pioneers of business in the city. They have seen many political changes. They have seen governments come and go, changing places and superseding one another. They know the policies which have resulted in better times or worse times. Not governments, but principles, decide them. They have a liberal acquaintance with the broad foundation of political economy. They know the difference between an appeal to business instincts and appeal to sentiment. They are not all lashed to party moorings, nor can they be stampeded by partisan appeals when these contradict their common sense.

There are other people who have homes here and many of them have rising families who must be fed, clothed and schooled, and they have the common problem of how to make both ends meet. They have taxes to pay and they look with pride on the share they have in the city's progress—the work of making it a city healthy and beautiful, modern in the best sense of the term. Their work is here and their wages are earned here, no matter in what capacity they earn them. Whatever promises increased business development in the city, increasing population, increasing industry, stir and commercial activity are held by them to be in their personal interest. What they own will be increased in value as the city grows and they will share in what is sometimes called the "unearned increment" by which some people prosper and swell their bank and realty assets. These are the people who, independent of party affiliations, will figure out that reciprocity means their best welfare.

But there are others. The small army of merchants who know that the duty they pay on what they have to import from the United States in order to meet the demands of their customers makes the price of their goods 25 per cent higher than they would be if the duty were taken off, and they look for the great slump in prices that will follow after reciprocity is in operation to relieve them of the great strain they now have in making explanations as to why breadstuffs cost so much. They know that many a careful housekeeper has to buy cheaper goods than she would if she could afford to buy a better quality. Under reciprocity they will sell higher priced goods and their legitimate profits will be more on the same amount of handling and turn-over. This little multitude will vote for reciprocity because it must benefit them in their trade.

These are not all. The restaurant keepers who feed the great masses who are homeless will cut their expense bill in quarter and will be able to spread as good or better tables at less current prices than they are compelled to charge now. And the men who have to eat at their tables will be surprised and gratified at the moderate cost of a square meal. If you calculate what it costs to feed the people of Victoria for one day and then deduct one-quarter of the amount from the bill you will have a fair idea of the saving that will be effected in establishments alone every day in the year. Look at the tables of exports and imports in the editorial column to-day and see where you are at.

Thoughtful people are thinking solemnly about these things and the solid vote of those who will have the opportunity placed before them to effect these savings on September 21 will swell the polls in an overwhelming mandate that will place the reciprocity candidate—Hon. William Templeman—at the head of the polls.

MADNESS IS PASSING. (Acadian Recorder.) This is an age of the peaceful yet determined uprising of the masses against...

MUTINY AMONG CHINESE TROOPS

REBELLION ADDS TO TROUBLES IN CHINA

Missionaries Who Have Taken Refuge at Chien Kiang Not in Immediate Danger

Cheng Kiang, Western China, Sept. 14.—A serious rebellion has occurred in the district of Cheng Tu. The soldiers refuse to obey instructions and are trying to bring force against the government control of the railways. The schools are closed. Business has been stopped it may lead to a general rebellion. Conditions are precarious.

This is the first direct cable dispatch from Cheng Kiang, in the heart of Western China, since the recent alarming reports of a native uprising and the danger to a large number of American missionaries located in that remote section of China.

For many days all communication has been cut off from the disturbed district. The American government has sent two warships under Admiral Murrell, up the Yangtze Kiang, in the vicinity of the disturbances.

The cablegram is in response to cable inquiries on Sunday and gives reassurances that the missionaries who have sought refuge at Chien Kiang are not in immediate danger, although their situation continues to be serious as a result of the rebellion now in progress.

Rabbits Defeated. Peking, Sept. 12.—Government dispatches from Cheng Tu confirm the press reports of a desperate attack upon the viceroys' yamen, and the rebels were repulsed and the ring leaders put to death. The losses are concealed.

The Wu Pu assures the legations that Schuan, outside of Cheng Tu, is not disturbed and that there is no cause for anxiety concerning the fleeing foreigners who are believed to be coming via Kiatingfu, where there are two British gunboats and one German.

The British legation received a telegram to-day stating that the first party of refugees from Cheng Tu arrived in safety at Su Fu. Evidently these refugees, all of whom the dispatch says were British citizens, came down the river by junk and were met by a British gunboat.

Message From Canadian. Toronto, Sept. 12.—Rev. Dr. Shearer, general secretary of the foreign missions, yesterday received the following cable from Mr. Gillinger, formerly a Toronto resident who is stationed as a mission worker at Chung Kiang, which is 600 miles from Cheng Tu: "The missionaries are now fleeing for safety to Chung Kiang. The situation here is extremely anxious and people friendly. There is no telegraphic communication with Cheng Tu. There is every probability that the Cheng Tu missionaries left a few days ago acting under orders from the British officers. We are now endeavoring to provide against all emergencies."

Mr. Shearer has requested the secretary of state at Ottawa to ask through the British foreign office, the news of the Canadians whose lives are in danger. Several days ago he wrote to the Dominion government informing them that about a hundred families were in the distressed regions.

To a message sent to Shanghai, September 11, 1911.—Owing to the critical state of Cheng Tu foreigners have left a few days ago acting under orders from the British officers. We are now endeavoring to provide against all emergencies.

Telegraphic communication was also carried on between the local offices and New York and Boston. The reports concerning Cheng Tu were no more encouraging, though they too suggest that the missionaries are on their way to safety under the protection of troops.

AERIAL POSTMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Aeroplane Crashes to Earth and Aviator Sustains Serious Injuries

London, Sept. 12.—Hubert, one of the aviators of the aerial post office inaugurated by the British post office last Saturday met with a bad accident on Monday, and only the mail bags which the flying postman carried from Hendon to Windsor Castle saved him from an almost certain death.

Hubert had just got away from Hendon with 120 pounds of mail when the machinery of his aeroplane went wrong and the machine crashed to the earth, burying the aviator under a mass of debris.

Both of Hubert's legs were broken and he suffered other injuries, but the mail bags on top of him acted as a buffer and saved him from being crushed to death by the weight of the engine.

The privileged classes. "The man in the street" is awake and has become conscious of the disabilities under which the specialist interests are determined to keep him in the future. Rights long denied are being claimed and vindicated, and among those rights is the right of the ordinary producer and ordinary consumer to-day, when it means their best advantage. The high tariff madness is passing away from the minds of the nations.



SUGGESTED FEATURE FOR THE CARNIVAL

G. H. B. (to voter)—My dear man, this won't do! Your lines run north and south! You're breaking up the Empire, don't you know!

WORK OF FIREBUG.

Great Falls, Mont., Sept. 12.—Fire believed to be of incendiary origin, starting in the drying sheds of the Somers Lumber Company at Somers, on the border of Flathead Lake, completely destroyed that building, adjacent sheds and the immense sawmill of 200,000 feet per day capacity. The loss is placed at \$150,000. The plant is controlled by the Great Northern Company.

MINERS RESCUED.

Delta, Colo., Sept. 12.—Fire in the Summeret mine of the Utah Fuel Company resulted yesterday from shot firing which ignited the timbers. Four miners barely reached the bucket in advance of the resulting gas and smoke. The government rescue car, summoned from Trinidad, was not needed.

THE PREMIER'S ANXIETY

The Premier of this province will pardon us if we question the sincerity of his statement that the course of the Liberal Government will, in his opinion, lead to dismemberment of the Empire and fusion with the United States. Frankly, we do not believe the Premier thinks anything of the kind.

While to-day the trade of Canada with the United States is larger than ever before in our history, there never was a time when Canada was more closely bound to the Mother Country or further away politically from the United States.

Even so ill-informed a gentleman on questions of economics as the Premier of this province is not so obtuse as to be unable to see that the removal of a burden of taxation and a further increase of trade will strengthen the position we occupy in the Empire rather than weaken it.

It is our opinion that the Premier of this Province is only using the privileges of his high office in the way he deems most effective to encompass, not the defeat of reciprocity, but the defeat of the Liberal Administration, in order that the Conservative party may hold office. That is the sum and substance of the Premier's anxiety.

We may, however, comfort ourselves with the reflection that we are going to have reciprocity; that Canada will continue to grow and prosper; and that under the aegis of trade expansion she will every year become a more and more powerful factor in the affairs of Empire.

In this process which has received so remarkable impetus from wise Liberal legislation, the country will naturally look to the Liberal party to carry to its highest fruition a work of empire so potential for tremendous good to the whole body politic.

FRANCE WILL NOT GIVE WAY

PREMIER PREPARES REPLY TO GERMANY

Not Written in Spirit of Conciliation—Berlin Awaits Developments

Paris, Sept. 12.—The cabinet met at four o'clock this afternoon to consider the French reply to Germany's counter proposals concerning Morocco.

The reply has been drawn up by Premier Caillaux, and the ministers were summoned specially to pass on it. It was understood before the cabinet met that the French note had been written in a spirit of conciliation, but expressed a firm attitude on maintaining the position which France has assumed on questions of principle from which she could not depart.

Await Reply. Berlin, Sept. 12.—No further developments in the Moroccan affair are expected here pending receipt of France's reply to the German note. The French ambassador, M. Cambon, in Dresden with his family, awaiting the next move by his government.

Although the public anxiety regarding the differences between France and Germany has been largely allayed, stocks opened somewhat weaker on the Bourse to-day owing to the unsatisfactory course of the New York and Paris markets yesterday.

A report printed in the foreign press that the Russian government had withdrawn great sums of money from Berlin is authoritatively denied and it is asserted that the withdrawal of the French credits from German houses has been much exaggerated in the reports. Whatever withdrawals were made were so slight, it is declared, that they played no important part in the recent stock market panic.

ELECTRICIAN ENDS LIFE.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 12.—E. J. Meyers, an electrician, en route from Portland, Ore., to Cleveland, Ohio, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself to a bedpost in his room in a hotel. Local authorities believe Meyers was demented. He had attempted to leap from a Union Pacific train near Cheyenne on Sunday afternoon.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—The position of superintendent of stationary and printing of the House of Commons has been filled by appointment of William Cairns to succeed the late E. C. Clark.

CENTRAL CANADA FAIR.

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—The central Canada fair opened yesterday with fine weather and a record attendance for opening day. Aviator Hammond made a short flight.

ELEVEN SOLDIERS DROWNED.

Dresden, Saxony, Sept. 12.—The Saxony army manoeuvres showed a realistic character to-day, when 11 Uhlanes lost their lives in the waters of the Elbe. These cavalry scouts were drowned while attempting to swim the river near Pirna.

JOINT COMMISSION ON WATERWAYS

NEW INTERNATIONAL BODY COMPLETED

Number of Questions Awaiting Settlement—First Session Will Be Held Shortly

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—The International joint waterways commission, a new body formed to determine disputed questions between the United States and Canada, is now completed, and a date for its first meeting will soon be given out by the Canadian section, which consists of Sir George Gibbons, of Toronto; A. H. Barnhill, of St. John, N. B.; and Amle Geoffroy, of Montreal. The United States commissioners are former Senator Carter, ex-Representative Taylor and F. Street.

The creation of the commission provides for the avoidance of delays consequent upon diplomatic communications between Washington and London and thence back to Ottawa. Among schemes awaiting sanction are plans for developing water power in the St. John river, for the development of the Richelleu river, development of water power in the St. Lawrence river between New York and Ontario for a sanitary canal around Niagara Falls on the American side, the development of water power in Rainy river between Minnesota and Ontario and in the Lake of the Woods, and the use of waters in Saskatchewan and Montana for irrigation.

The Canadian section of the commission will have its headquarters here.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS.

United States Will Send Team to Australia to Play for Davis Trophy.

New York, Sept. 12.—To-day's victories of the American players in the international tennis tournament entitles this country instead of Great Britain to send a team to Australia in December to challenge for the Davis world's trophy.

The result of to-day's play follows: Larned (American) beat Lowe (British), first set, 6-4; Lowe beat Larned second set, 6-1; Larned beat Lowe third set, 7-5; Larned beat Lowe fourth and final set 6-1. McLoughlin (American) beat Dixon (British), first set, 8-6; Dixon beat McLoughlin second set 6-3; McLoughlin beat Dixon third set 6-2; McLoughlin beat Dixon fourth and final set 6-2.

SCHOOL TEACHER DISAPPEARS.

Young Woman Believed to Have Been Murdered. Manitou, Man., Sept. 12.—Gladys Price, a 20-year-old school teacher, has disappeared, and it is believed she has been murdered. Four hundred men are scouring the countryside with guns in the hope of finding her body and her assailant.

Miss Price opened school to one pupil at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and dismissed the scholar immediately afterwards. Falling to return home, a search for the teacher was instituted last night. About the school room fragments of her clothing were found, and there was blood on the floor. The trail of blood was followed to a ravine, where all traces were lost. Men of the community have deserted the fields in an endeavor to find her dead or alive. Dozens of harvest hands have been placed under arrest and questioned without result. Miss Price is a native of Myrtle, Manitoba.

CANADIAN CENSUS RETURNS.

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—Mr. Archibald Blue, director of census, stated yesterday that save for the addition of absentees, the census is nearing completion, and he anticipates an official bulletin on the subject next week. No interim statement is obtainable. Complete figures are known only by the director, who is maintaining great secrecy.

PROSPECTS IN EAST

Laurier will have a sweeping victory. This is the message received by Times Tuesday from three different newspaper correspondents in Ottawa, who were instructed to report upon the situation as it was viewed in the federal capital. One of them accompanied Mr. Borden on his tour of the prairie provinces last summer and has been closely in touch with his Ontario meetings. Alex. Smith, the Liberal organizer since 1896, and one of the ablest organizers Canada has ever produced, predicts a big Liberal victory, and Mr. Smith has never been half a dozen seats out in any election prediction since 1896. The Times dispatch is as follows:

No indications here of anything but sweeping victory for Laurier. Maritime provinces will give at least twenty Liberal majority. Quebec will give Liberals not less than forty-five seats and we look for fifty. Our lowest estimate for Ontario is thirty-eight Liberal seats, but that province will probably give from forty to forty-four seats. Manitoba will return at least four Liberals. Saskatchewan will be solid and five of the seven Alberta members will be Liberals. You should know about British Columbia. Laurier is absolutely safe. It is only a question of majority. This is sent after a conference with other newspaper men and organizers.

CANOE-FATALITY.

Two Young Men Lose Their Lives in Red River. Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 12.—A double drowning accident occurred at River Park yesterday afternoon when William Hatten and James Marshall, both about 26 years of age and recently arrived from Sheffield, England, lost their lives. A companion James Nicholson, who came from the Old Country with them, was rescued. They were in a canoe which upset about ten minutes after they left the boathouse at the park. The body of Hatten has been recovered. All resided at 327 McGee street, Winnipeg.

NEW COAL MINES TO BE OPERATED

VANCOUVER ISLAND PROPERTIES CONSOLIDATED

Company Has Secured Site for Townsite Opposite Ladysmith

Vancouver, Sept. 12.—Vancouver Island coal properties, lying between Nanaimo and Ladysmith, embracing 2,400 acres and estimated to contain approximately 50,000,000 tons, have just been consolidated into an operating proposition by Andrew Laidlaw of Spokane, and J. D. Farrell, second vice-president and general manager of the second division of the Oregon & Washington Railway, the northwestern link of the Harriman system. Mr. Laidlaw is widely known as one of the most extensive coal operators in Western Canada, while Mr. Farrell's railroad connection has brought him into the public eye on the coast for many years.

In addition to its coal rights the new company has acquired the Page Estate across the bay from the town of Ladysmith, and there it will build a townsite for the accommodation of its employees. The head works will be located on this site. The waterfrontage on the estate embraces a splendid deep water anchorage and the principal shipping will be carried on at this point.

As the company's holdings embrace subterranean and submarine coal rights covering an extensive territory, the property will be opened at various points and it is stated that a short railway will probably enter into the company's ultimate plans for the equipment of the mines. The properties, it is stated, are a continuation of well-known Vancouver island measures now yielding upwards of 4,000 tons of coal daily. Three engineers, working independently, have passed favorably on the properties within the last six months. It was announced to-day by an official of the new company that additional drilling would be undertaken before permanent shafts are located. It is stated that the Douglas, Newcastle and Wellington seams underlie the property. Owing to the excellent facilities for loading coal direct into ship's bottoms, officers of the company expect that a very considerable tonnage of coal from this property will be exported to the American market tributary to the coast. The company will also seek a share of the bunkering of coasting vessels and tentative arrangements are now under way for the supplying of the fuel to the market in British Columbia cities.

ROYALISTS ARE READY TO FIGHT

Over Four Thousand on Frontier of Portugal—Await Funds Before Advancing

Lisbon, Sept. 12.—(Via the frontier)—Luz D'Almeida, chief of the carbonarios, a secret political society, who was sent by the government to the frontiers to make a thorough investigation of the Royalist situation, has submitted his report. He says the Royalists now concentrated in the neighborhood of Orense are preparing slowly to advance. They number 4,100 comprising infantry, cavalry and artillery. They have about forty rapid riflemen. They also have two aeroplanes which are constantly flying over the camps of the soldiers of the republic, especially at Chaves and the troops and the inhabitants are in constant fear that they may drop bombs.

The delay in the attack is due to the Carbonarios' lack of funds, says the report. They are expecting the arrival from Brazil and England within a few days of \$2,500,000. D'Almeida is of the opinion that unless something extraordinary happens the monarchist intrusion will take place within a week. The monarchists count on part of the Republican troops going over to them as soon as hostilities are opened, but according to the best reports apparently the whole 22,000 Republican troops lining the frontier are loyal to the new regime. There is no doubt that a great part of the population in the north will arise in support of the Royalists who, however, are badly armed and the belief here at least is that they would soon be defeated.

The whole country is awaiting results with anxiety. A serious conspiracy has been discovered in Lisbon state prison. In the last few days the sentries have noticed that visitors to the eight hundred Royalists incarcerated in the prison invariably carried packages. Sunday a search was made and it was discovered that the Royalist prisoners, the chief of whom is a priest, Argueda, were armed with revolvers. It was ascertained also that the prisoners intended to murder the guards as soon as the monarchists in the north entered Portugal. The guards have been strengthened.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Calgary, Sept. 12.—Emily Cruta, a servant girl employed by G. T. Robinson, of this city, was yesterday shot and killed by Charles Steadman. Steadman afterwards shot and killed himself. Two bullets were discharged into the girl's forehead.