

ON THE FIRING LINE

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

The Times is determined to resort to no deception and to exert no undue influence to determine the vote of the wage earners of Victoria, as it believes them capable of judging for themselves when they are in full knowledge of the facts. Therefore the Times affirms that no one has proved that a reduction in the cost of living will be followed by a reduction in wages. Only those people say so who are themselves contemptible enough to reduce wages when living expenses are lowered. Beware of their honeyed words.

That cheaper food means lower wages is disproved by the fact that in Germany—with the highest protective duties in the world—the average wages are lower and the food more costly than in free trade England. Why should this be so if it is not on account of the high tariffs? There is no answer unless you admit that the tariffs raise the cost of food without raising wages. A tariff cannot fix the price of labor, because tariffs have nothing to do with labor. But a tariff raises the price of breadstuffs because it taxes the things you must buy to eat and wear. That is as clear as a running stream.

Before free trade obtained in Great Britain the four-pound loaf sold for eleven pence; after free trade the price dropped to seven pence. What did it? Taking the tariff tax off foodstuffs.

Before free trade the agricultural laborers of Great Britain had an average of eight shillings per week. After free trade the wages rose to eighteen shillings and one pound per week. For proof of this, ask the Britons who lived there before and after the change, or look at the Blue Books of the British government.

Wages are higher in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Spokane and San Francisco than they are in Victoria. Vancouver, Nelson and Cranbrook, and the tables show that the cost of living averages twenty per cent lower in all of these United States cities than in Canada. In the face of these indisputable facts how can anyone allow himself to be frightened by those who want to "raise the tariff still higher?"

What is the use of accepting the unprincipled statements of those who submit no proofs and who cannot dispute the facts and figures published in the Times almost every day comparing wages and cost of living between Canada and the United States? When you find the truth about any price list contradicting those published in the Times you will find a clever deceit at the base of every one. Men who get next to the facts when voting time comes will vote according to their convictions.

LAURIER CONFIDENT.

"Believe me, we will have a greater majority than ever, all signs point to it. I feel that justice and truth will triumph again." — Sir Wilfrid Laurier at St. Jerome.

BORDEN 1904.

"Was there any idea that a reciprocity treaty with the United States would in any way interfere with self-government in Canada? No." — R. B. Borden in Montreal, July 21, 1904.

GET IN, STAY IN.

(Montreal Witness.) It is significant of much that the Hon. Robert Rogers of Manitoba; Premier McBride, of British Columbia; Attorney-General Bowser, also of British Columbia; the Hon. Clifford Sifton, Mr. Henri Bourassa, the Hon. W. J. Hanna, of Ontario, and other well-known politicians who have proclaimed loudly their intention to fight the reciprocity agreement or the Canadian navy to the "bitter end," are every one of them afraid to seek a federal constituency in support of Mr. Borden.

BARNARD ACHIEVES FAME.

(London Advertiser.) The contrast between this attitude of Mr. Barnard, on whose platform Mr. McBride spoke endorsing him, and Mr. Borden's pandering to Bourassa is as remarkable as the rapid changes in the programme of the conservative leader himself. And it is the same way with the other positions of the anti-reciprocity party.

HON. F. OLIVER TO TOUR ALBERTA

PREMIER SIFTON WILL AID IN CAMPAIGN

More Candidates Are Selected at Party Conventions in the East

Edmonton, Sept. 2.—Hon. Frank Oliver last night made his first speech of the campaign outside of his own constituency. He spoke at Fort Saskatchewan in favor of W. H. White. To-night he will be at Lloydminster, and next week he will assist J. M. Douglas in the Strathcona constituency. The retirement of ex-Premier Rutherford from the contest has resolved itself into a straight party fight, and the minister of interior has decided to give considerable time to outside constituencies. On Wednesday evening next he will hold a mass meeting with Premier Sifton in the Thistle rink here.

Crookshirk, Que., Sept. 2.—R. L. Borden and his lieutenants adjourned from Victoria here yesterday and converted an intended indoor meeting into an outdoor one in order to satisfy several hundred people who could not find room within. Mr. Borden was of course the chief speaker, but was supported by Hon. P. LeBlond, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Dr. U. L. Shurtlett, K.C., and Frederick Cromwell, Conservative candidate in this riding. Mr. Borden discussed reciprocity at some length along the lines of former speeches. He left immediately after the address for Lake Megantic.

Montreal, Sept. 2.—The opposition convention in this province selected Eugene Villeneuve to oppose Alphonse Verreille in the coming elections, following the refusal of A. J. Leclaire to accept the nomination. Henry Bourque has announced that he is unable to accept the opposition nomination in St. Mary's. The convention will meet again to-night and choose another candidate.

Lachute, Que., Sept. 2.—G. Perley, chief Conservative whip, was unanimously re-nominated as Conservative candidate for Argenteuil county at the convention here. He spoke at some length on the issues of the day and was supported by C. A. Label, of Hull, and T. C. Casgrain.

Ottawa, Sept. 2.—Edward Kidd was again nominated as Conservative representative in convention yesterday.

Welland, Ont., Sept. 2.—At a convention held yesterday by a section of the Liberals of Welland riding, Louis Kinross was nominated a reciprocity candidate. The regular Liberal convention, held last week, refused to endorse the late member, Wm. German, who is running as an anti-reciprocity Liberal, but did not put a candidate against him. Some of the delegates wished to nominate a candidate, and yesterday's convention was the result. The Conservative candidate retired last week in Mr. German's favor.

SHOPMEN NOT LIKELY TO STRIKE

Labor Leaders Believe Differences With Railways Will Be Adjusted

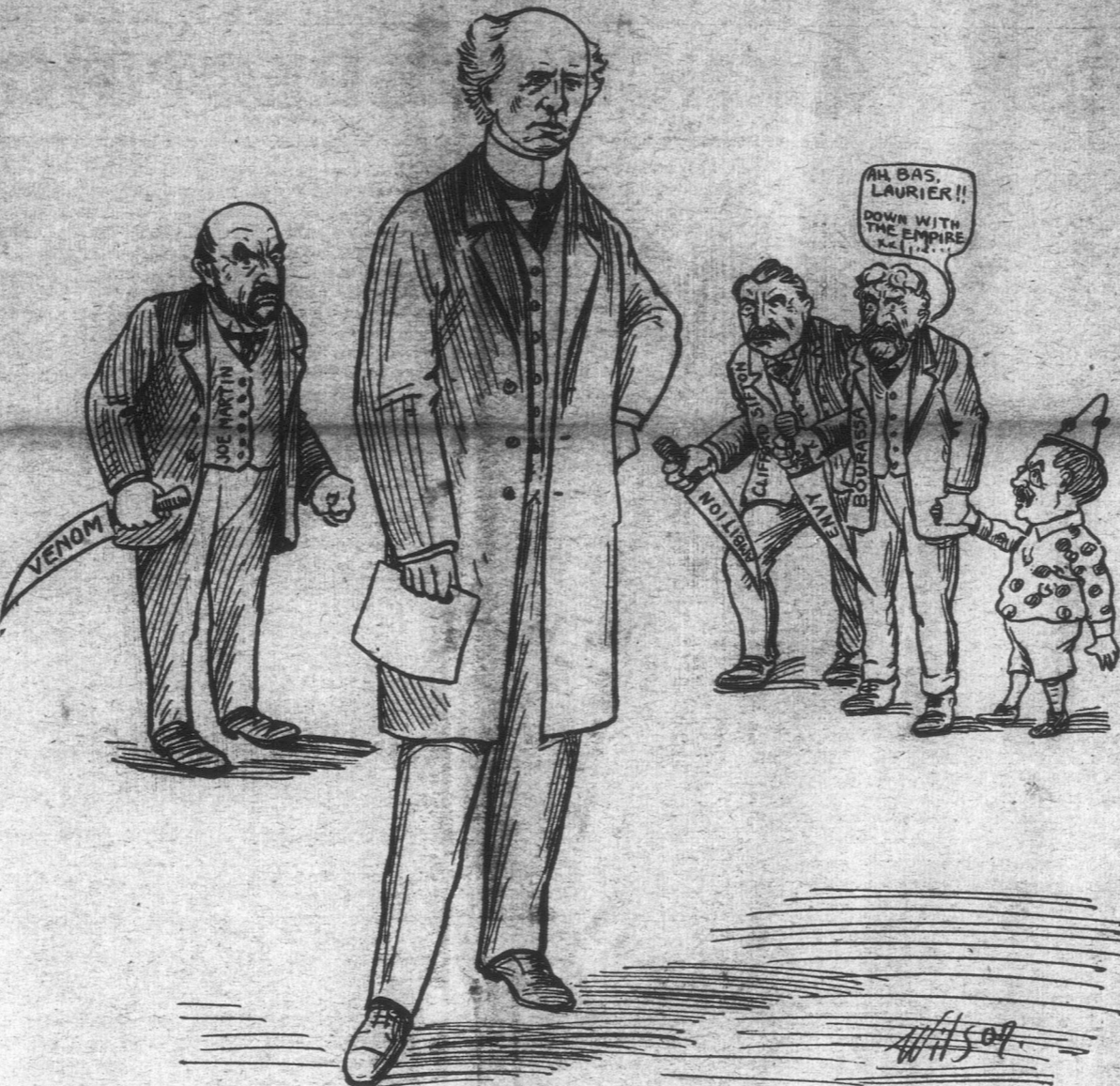
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 2.—Notwithstanding refusals by the railroad officials to deal with a general federation of shop employees, labor leaders in Chicago were inclined to-day to believe that no strike will be called. Thirty days' notice of a desire to change the nature of the shopmen's contracts on the Illinois Central will, it is expected, afford time for bringing about less strained relations between the employees and the railroad officials. There is also a hope that the example thus set may have a powerful effect indirectly as to the situation on other roads. In addition to the three thousand shopmen of the Illinois Central, there are twenty-five thousand affected on the Southern Pacific and allied lines, and the issues have been made necessary if not quite as acute on the Northwestern, the Rock Island and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

WILL VISIT VICTORIA.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Party Leave Nelson For Coast.

Nelson, Sept. 2.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., who with other officials of the road, is making a trip of inspection of the western lines, arrived in the city last night on the steamer "Moye." The party left this morning on a special train for Rossland and Trail. After a few hours stay there, they will leave for West Robson in the afternoon, and go through to the coast at night, taking in Vancouver and Victoria.

Upon their return they will travel by way of the main line. With Sir Thomas are: R. B. Angus, W. D. Matthews, H. S. Holt, directors; George Bury, J. G. Sullivan and F. F. Bue-



THREE ARMED IN A JUST CAUSE

Serene, confident and unruffled, the greatest figure in the public life of the Empire, is impregnable against the thrusts of the malignants of the opposition.

EXCELLENT APPOINTMENT.

Ottawa, Sept. 2.—J. E. Harkin, for years private secretary to Hon. Frank Oliver, has been appointed commissioner of national parks, with headquarters in Ottawa. He will have supervision over all park reserves held by the federal government, most of which are situated on the west coast of the Rockies. The parks were formerly under the forestry branch, but a separate bureau is now created. J. P. Featherstone becomes Mr. Oliver's secretary. Mr. Harkin is one of the most capable and experienced officials of the interior department, and his appointment is an excellent one.

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Another Reason Man Missing—Clothes Found on Beach Near His Canoe

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FACTS FOR REFLECTION

Laurier didn't bring down the reciprocity measure to please the millionaire protectionists, but he brought it down to give larger markets to the farmers and cheaper food to the consumers.

There has always been, and always will be, people who oppose all measures in the interest of the poor man. They want to keep him in eternal subjection so that he will have to work for them.

The argument that the workman can never hope for more than enough to live on is similar to the argument of the contractor, who said that he liked to see his men broke because then they were good boys.

The fact that Mr. Borden and a bunch of mediocrities want the people of Canada to vote them into office is not any reason why the people should do so. The people want some evidence of the qualities of statesmanship.

The people are behind Laurier because he is there with the goods.

Canada is too big for the little Canadians who cannot see further than their own shadows, but as it takes all kinds of people to make a world, the little fellows will be swallowed up in the millions who will swear here during the ensuing years. Laurier says the Twentieth Century is Canada's. Canada's prosperity compels the reflection that the old man is right.

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Inquiries were made in all directions, and there was unsuccessful efforts made to open the safe, but no trace of the missing man was discovered until yesterday, when John Simpson, provincial constable, went up to Five Mile Point and brought in the clothes. They were found on the beach beside Reilly's canoe, and consisted of the man's complete dress, with the exception of his hat, which it is said, the missing man seldom wears. In one of the pockets of the coat was a wallet containing \$20 in cash. No other valuables were found.

Yesterday further efforts were made to open the safe but it was impossible to find the combination, while mechanics spent over five hours with drills and hammers in an endeavor to force the door. Attempts to obtain access to the safe were not relinquished until midnight and will be continued to-day.

LAUNCH RUN DOWN; SEVEN MEN PERISH

Members of Fishing Party Are Drowned as Result of Collision

Toledo, O., Sept. 2.—Seven men were drowned in the Maumee, about half a mile north of the Red Can buoy to-day at 2.30 o'clock, when the 35-foot launch Nemo, owned by Michael Mayer, was struck by the 500-foot freighter "Phillip Minich," inbound for the C. H. & D. dock. The drowned ones, Harry Batch, city councilman; James Whittier, superintendent of waterworks; Thomas Pincell, 48, master mechanic at the waterworks plant; Fred Shinn, secretary to Service Director Conwell; William Blane, waterworks inspector; William Carroll,

38, bookkeeper at the waterworks, and Rudolph Yunker, aged 50.

The party was bound for Kelley's Island to fish. Michael Mayer, the owner of the launch, was saved by the efforts of the crew of the Minich. None of the bodies have been recovered.

ON WAY TO CANADA

Liverpool, Sept. 2.—L. F. Cullis, M. P. and Scottish whip, sailed for Montreal to-day on the Hesperian.

COST OF LIVING

The Times is charged with making a special appeal to the workman in the present campaign. From the manner in which the opposition is moving heaven and earth to prejudice the workman against reciprocity by trying to frighten him on the wage question, it is desirable that a fair and intelligent representation should be made on the subject in order that not a single voter should be misled.

Fortunately the workman to-day thinks for himself and is not going to be stampeded by the paid hirelings of those men who have become rich through overcharges under the protective tariff.

If there are 5,000 men