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"LET US HEED THE CALL TO CONSECRATED CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP"

—R. L. BORDEN TO THE PEOPLE OF KENT

MAPLE CITY'S WARM WELCOME TO WORTHY AND ILLUSTRIOUS CANADIAN

Hearty Greetings Extended to Mr. and Mrs. Borden and Their Party of Distinguished Visitors

MAGNIFICENT MEETINGS AT BLENHEIM AND CHATHAM

Rev. Mr. Brown Submits the Temperance Problem in Blenheim—
"Every Man is Entitled to Ask for the Stand of the People's
Representatives on Public Questions," Declared the
Leader—Mr. and Mrs. Borden Entertained.

The visit of Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Liberal-Conservatives in the Dominion Parliament, and his loyal and charming wife to Kent County yesterday will prove a memorable one. Mr. Borden has left the impress of a strong and winning personality with the people of this district. He has stamped himself as a statesman of broad outlook, sterling integrity with a great mission to perform in Canadian public life. Very rarely has he won his way into the hearts of the people, irrespective of politics. He commands esteem and respect and is spontaneously accorded a loyal and earnest affection.

Following the morning reception, noted in yesterday's Planet, came the Blenheim trip and the grand meeting there. Then the return to train. A hearty approval of the greeting was given by those who heard it, and few there were—if any—who would not have said the same thing after the meeting.

The rain was all over when the party reached Blenheim and Blenheimites and yeomen from the surrounding district turned out in force and gave Canada's coming premier and splendid orator a most fitting welcome. Among the many to extend the glad hand to Mr. Borden were:—Dr. S. G. Storey, Dr. Lang-

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ford, Dr. Hanks, S. Wodehouse, Mr. Coupland, W. E. Biggar, David Tedford, T. W. Pierson, James McVittie, W. C. White, Mr. Fetham, Thos. Rumble, Ben. W. Willson, T. G. McCallum, C. F. Gibson, while some of the Chathamites who couldn't stay

"Between the Canadian Producer and
any other I stand for the Canadian.
Between the British and foreign producer I am for Briton every time."

Chatham and the enthusiastic reception here. From seven till eight o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Borden received at the Garner, where hundreds of ladies and gentlemen called upon them. The mass meeting in the Grand at night was a magnificent one, and a busy day was fittingly brought to a pleasant close by the delightful entertainment of Mrs. Borden by the ladies of the Victoria block, while Mr. Borden and his colleagues enjoyed the hearty hospitality of Mr. J. M. Pike at his home on Murray street.

Mr. Borden was indeed pleased to meet a second Sir John A. Macdonald, was the remark of a well-known Blenheim man as he was introduced to R. L. Borden at Blenheim station yesterday shortly after the arrival of the

away were, H. S. Clements, Dr. W. R. Hall, Wm. Potter, W. M. Drader, J. A. Wilson, Geo. W. Sulman, J. M. Pike, Robt. Park, W. J. Kenny, S. B. Arnold and others.

The guests were immediately driven down town in carriages, headed by the band which went out from Chatham. The honored visitors were set down at the splendid residence of Dr. Storey, whose guests they were throughout the visit.

The meeting was to be held in the Opera House at two o'clock, but long before that hour had arrived the people were coming from all directions to the hall. The band played up and down the main street and added much to the enthusiasm of the people.

The meeting itself was a "rouser,"



"A BRITISH SUBJECT I WAS BORN;
A BRITISH SUBJECT I WILL DIE"

of the present tour of Mr. R. L. Borden developed at the Blenheim meeting in the afternoon, when the Conservative leader was questioned as to his own attitude and that of the

MR. BORDEN'S MAGNIFICENT APPEAL FOR HIGHER STANDARD OF PUBLIC LIFE

Keynote of a Grand Address to the People of Kent County at the Great Mass Meeting Last Night

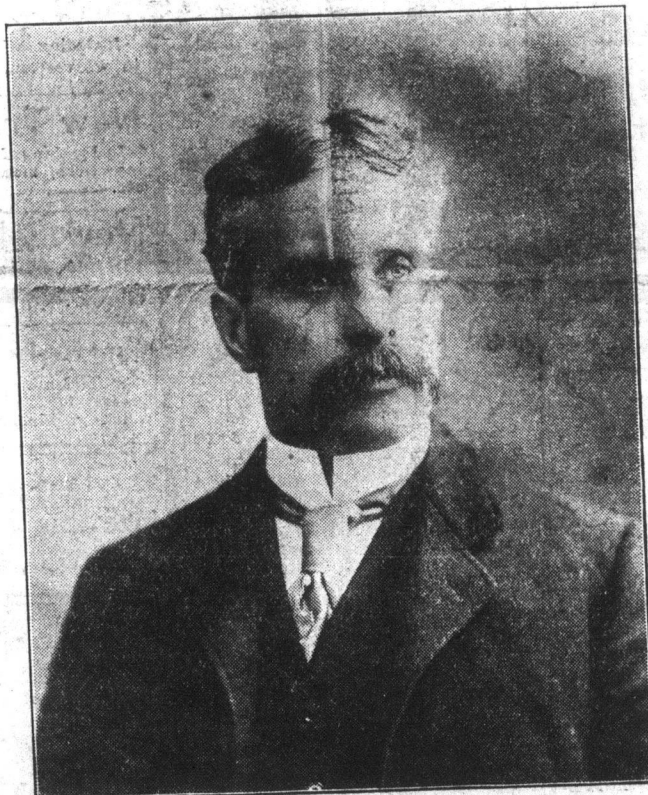
Brown, pastor of the Baptist church here, and one of the most active of the temperance workers, whose efforts here succeeded in the enforcement of the local option law in this vicinity. Amidst a scene of considerable excitement and some show of opposition on the part of an element in the audience, Mr. Brown asked the leader what he would do in the way of prohibition legislation in the event of being returned to power?

PEOPLE TO OWN THE NEW RAILWAY FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN

Such is the Leader's Pledge if Endorsed at the Polls—The Policy of Canada for Canadians—An Appeal to Raise the Standard of Political Controversy—A Memorable Speech by a Great Man.

R. L. Borden, "the great leader of the great Conservative party," as Dr. Thornton expressed it, was the magnet that attracted an immense crowd to the Grand Opera House last evening. Mr. Borden is an argumentative and convincing orator. He has a clear and distinct enunciation and a voice that carries without any apparent effort on the part of the speaker. Mr. Borden prefaced his remarks with a few words of thanks. He said that he desired to express on behalf of himself and Mrs. Borden their sincere appreciation of the kindness extended and also the tribute expressed towards him by the presence of such a vast audience. As far as he was personally concerned, he was afraid that the enthusiasm of his friends had led them on to say too much and they apparently placed him on too

strong certainty that after the ballots were counted, it would be found that Mr. Clements would be the choice of the good people of West Kent. He understood that his friend Mr. Clements labored under the disgrace of being a young man. This, however, was as his friend James Clancy had said, "is a disgraceful slander which any young man might hope to outlive." This country wanted young men. They were needed to take a part in the public affairs of the Dominion, and in accepting the nomination, Mr. Clements had shown an example to every young man in the Dominion. The speaker had thought that he himself had somewhat passed the age of youthfulness, but he was informed on good authority that he had been referred to to-day in con-



R. L. BORDEN, K. C., M. P.,
The illustrious Liberal-Conservative Leader Who Yesterday Visited the Maple City.

"It is for the people of Canada to say:
Shall we have a Government-owned
railroad or a railroad-owned Government?"

high a pedestal. After all, he was only a man. He warmly thanked Mr. Angus for the solo that had so delighted all and hoped to hear clear of any "wobbling" such as specified in the song. His introduction to Chatham in the morning had been of a somewhat lurid character. He was reminded of the incident concerning Sir John A. Macdonald, who was once caught in a thundershower and who, turning an eye up at the sky, remarked expressively, "another case of a drop too much."

His friend Mr. Clements had dealt briefly but exceedingly well with the affairs of this county.—Applause. Having listened to Mr. Clements and having observed by the applause the high esteem in which that gentleman was held he could not but feel the

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DR. A. W. THORNTON
The Eloquent President of the West Kent Liberal-Conservative Association

Herbert S. Clements was the first speaker called upon. He was met with round after round of applause, showing the popularity and renown of the Conservative candidate for Kent. Little Miss Margery Spackman presented him with a lovely bouquet. Mr. Clements' address was a fine one and was exceedingly well received.

Mr. Borden was next introduced, and his introduction called forth the wildest enthusiasm. When quiet was restored, Dr. S. G. Storey read an appropriately worded address on behalf of the people of the town and district, and little Miss Edythe Hanks presented him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The speaker said the presence of such a large number of ladies augured well for the chances of Mr. Clements in the coming election, because the gentlemen always do as the ladies tell them. Mr. Borden's address was a capital one and brought out in a straightforward and convincing manner the points on which will be the issue. It was listened to with the most rapt attention, and the only fault found with it was that it was too short.

THE PROHIBITION QUESTION.
One of the most important events

party upon the prohibition issue. The question was propounded at the close of the leader's address, which had been listened to with the closest attention by a large audience. It came from the Rev. G. B.

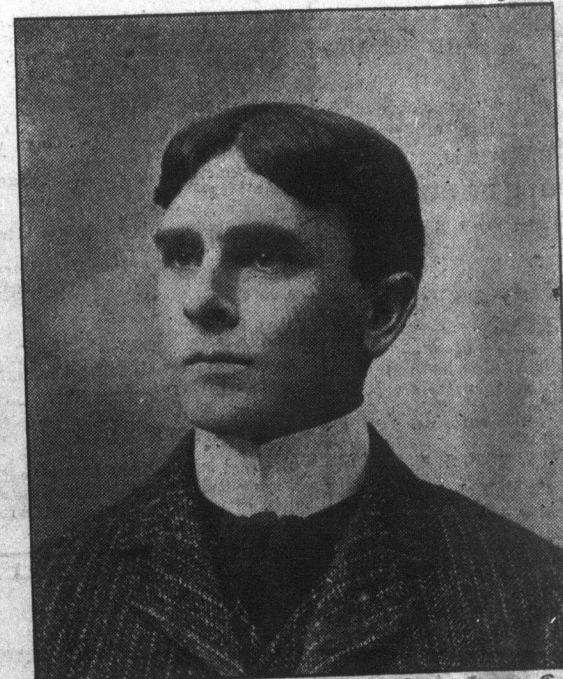
If the Conservative party should be returned to power, without repudiating any contract the Government would have the right, if the whole people so declare at the polls, to expropriate the undertaking of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and build the line as the people's line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. (Applause.)

"That, then, is the issue. The door is not closed. I believe the people will decide in their own interest. I don't ask them to decide anything unfair or unjust, because vested rights must be observed and the sanctity of contracts must be respected, but the door is not closed, and once more I declare to you it is for you to say whether we shall have in Canada a Government-owned railway or a railway-owned Government." (Applause.)

point. "Let me tell you," said Mr. Borden, "my friend has a perfect right, the right of every man in this room, to ask me, as a public man, what I have to say about that. I say to you, in the first place, that by the decision of the Privy Council, so far as I understand that, that question has been removed practically altogether out of Dominion politics, and the question which he propounds is one which he ought in the first place to propound to the Hon. G. W. Ross, as far as this Province is concerned."—Tremendous applause.

"I have something more to say," he continued. "I say to him that the Conservative party has never undertaken to make any pledge upon that subject or any other subject which it is not prepared to carry out; but I say to you that the first thing the prohibitionists have to do is to so educate public opinion in this country that any law passed for the purpose of prohibition would be carried, and I say further that any prohibitionists in this country who see fit to support a man who made a solemn pledge to the people in this country that he would, if his party came into power, pass a prohibition law if the

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HERBERT S. CLEMENTS
The Liberal Conservative Standard Bearer in West Kent