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Parliament Dissolved.

The Advertiser is informed by special dispatch from Ottawa that the Dominion Parliament has been duly dissolved.

Nominations throughout the Dominion for the new Parliament will be held on Wednesday, October 31.

Polling day throughout the Dominion will take place on Wednesday, November 7.

The contest will be short, sharp and decisive.

The Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is emphatically a business Administration. Not only all business men, but all classes of the community, owe much to the Government for the boon of a short campaign, with its minimum of inconvenience to business, instead of a long, business-hurting, bitter campaign.

The Laurier Government goes to the country with a magnificent four years' record of achievement. Never since the first discovery of Canada has it been as prosperous and happy as since the year 1896, under Laurier. It is the intention of the people of Canada to continue that condition of prosperity and happiness, by retaining in power those under whose direction and oversight so much has already been accomplished in so short a time.

The time is happily short till polling day. This renders it the more possible, and at the same time the more imperatively necessary, that every patriotic citizen, every lover of his country, should give freely of his time and energy and influence for the next few weeks to Canada.

Laurier or Tupper?

Peace and concord among men of all nationalities and creeds, or a renewal of those dissensions of race and creed under which true national progress is impossible? Which shall it be?

Prosperity, and development, and good times, as the Dominion has enjoyed them since 1896, or retrogression to the hard times of the previous years? Which shall it be?

Let the verdict be one of no uncertain character. Let Laurier's hands be strengthened by a substantial majority from every Province.

"Disgraced the Flag."

At the meeting of the Conservative Club, Major Thomas Beattie repeated, in effect, a speech he made in the House just prior to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's departure for England, as the representative of Canada at the Queen's jubilee. The Free Press reports him as saying: "The Grits were parading the flag, yet they were disgracing it with the picture of Laurier, who, fifteen years ago, said that if he had been on the banks of the Saskatchewan he would have taken his gun and shot down the men who went to suppress the rebellion."

And yesterday, at the West Middlesex Conservative nomination, Mr. Beattie—who usually talks as if he were more loyal than the Prince of Wales, and on military matters could give pointers to Lord Roberts or the Duke of Wellington—again repeated his one speech.

Mr. Beattie has not made many speeches in the House. On the occasion we refer to he claimed it would be a disgrace to have Canada represented by such a man as Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Queen's jubilee. But almost immediately after Sir Charles Tupper, his leader, congratulated Canada warmly on the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would so worthily represent it. One would have thought that Mr. Beattie would forever remain silent, but apparently not so. He repeats the slander that Canada was disgraced and that the flag is disgraced.

Was Canada disgraced?

The whole world can answer, and say that through Laurier Canada stands today, in the estimation of the British people, higher than it ever stood before; that he won the affection of the British people as no colonial statesman ever did; that the good feeling growing out of that jubilee has since strengthened and increased; and that his presence at the world's capital, instead of disgracing Canada, was a blessing to it, to Britain and the British Empire.

Does the picture of Laurier, then, disgrace the flag? Does the picture of the statesman who accomplished so much for it disgrace it? It is to men of broad minds like his that the flag owes its power. There were no race distinctions in the South African contingents. It was one army. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has often stated his desire to have no race or creed distinctions in Canada, and nothing will convince Major Beattie of his sincerity.

the part he took in sending the contingents to South Africa will not do so.

What are monuments of bravery, Where no public virtues bloom, What avail in lands of slavery, Trophied temples, arch and tomb?

Major Beattie is wrong. The flag has never been carried, nor has it been fought under by a truer, nobler British subject than Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The flag and he may well go together, as they represent the same principles.

Major Beattie should take lessons from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and he will soon learn that he who brought the whole nation closer together, wrapped in the folds of the British flag, is of Britain's sons one of the grandest and best.

Canada's Proud Position.

Principal Peterson, of McGill University, Montreal, in an address delivered at Montreal recently, emphasized the proud standing which Canada has recently attained as the chief and most closely connected with the mother country of all the outlying portions of the Empire. "Under the gentle sovereignty of the parent state," remarked Principal Peterson, "Canada has in the last year sprung at one bound into the headship of those nations of which we are so justly proud—those nations which are bound together by ties which though light as air are strong as links of iron." Canada's tariff preference of 33½ per cent in favor of Great Britain has had much to do with the increased prestige of this country in the eyes of Imperial statesmen.

Won't Go Back.

Mr. Lockie Wilson, formerly a leading Conservative in Eastern Ontario, and latterly a Patron leader, spoke at a recent meeting of farmers in Prince Edward county, at which Mr. Pettit, M.P., was re-nominated. He referred approvingly to the action of the present Dominion Government in abolishing the "iniquitous franchise act," in providing for free corn for feeding purposes, enabling the farmer to sell oats and other coarse grains at high prices, in enacting that binder twine should be free of tax, and in providing for a reduction of 33½ per cent in the tax on all British goods entering Canada.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier," continued Mr. Wilson, "has promised as a railway commission; Sir Charles is opposed to it. Sir Wilfrid's tendency is to reduce the tariff; Sir Charles remains a high protectionist. As between these two sets of policies which will we support? Which comes nearest our expressed views? We must in many sections of Canada, where there are no Independents in the field, make a choice, and in making that choice we must look carefully into the character of the men who are placed in the field, and judge them by past actions. We have learned by past experience that great reforms come slowly. These great questions are settled slowly, but, though slowly, if settled in a cool and judicious way, they will be settled best."

Many hundreds of men of the stamp of Lockie Wilson, who were formerly allied with the party led by Sir Charles Tupper, now entertain the same views as he has set forth in the speech quoted above. They are not misled by Mr. Foster's tricky calculations. They are shrewd farmers and workmen, and know the trend of the policies of the two parties. They are resolved not to go back to the conditions of 1873 or even of 1896 and 1896. They appreciate the progress made in the new and better era, and have forsaken for good the ranks of the trade restrictionists. Neither they nor the old Liberals, whom Mr. Foster has so frequently attempted to cajole into accepting his fine-spun casuistry, will be caught by chaff. They will, in the ensuing election, vote against going back to the "N. P." conditions that were left behind when the sun set on June 23, 1896.

As Looked on in Britain.

In a recent issue the Cardiff (Wales) Western Mail—one of the most influential journals in the Old Country—thus refers to the Dominion general elections:

"The greatest interest is being exhibited by the governing classes of our country in the forthcoming Canadian elections. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is prosecuting his campaign with the keenest vigor; indeed, it is said that he is emulating the example set by the late Mr. Gladstone and delivering five-minute speeches at railway stations with the greatest success. It is a curious fact, and one that speaks volumes for the strength of British institutions in Canada, that the pro-British tariff of Canada was the first important act in the administration of the French-Canadian prime minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sir Wilfrid came into power on June 23, 1896, succeeding an administration which, with some changes and under various leaders of the same party, had held power for eighteen years. The first session for the transaction of federal business was held in the spring of the following year, and the most important piece of legislation was the new tariff bill. The preference declared under this tariff was 12½ per cent off the general tariff from July 1, 1897, to July 1, 1898. At the latter date the preference was to become 25 per cent. During the two years that have elapsed since the preference tariff came into full effect Canada's trade has gone up by leaps and bounds. Canadian exports to Great Britain, being mainly agricultural, have found a rapidly expanding market, while the imports of the Dominion from the United Kingdom have also shown a remarkable increase. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government found the preference tariff so great a success that in the session of 1900 it carried the principle still a little further, and made the tariff on British goods 33½ per cent, under that on general imports. The great bulk of Canadian trade is with the United Kingdom and the United States, and the English manufacturer by the action of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government, gets an advantage of one-third over the American rival. Under the

circumstances, the British public can hardly do otherwise than wish that Sir Wilfrid Laurier may emerge triumphantly from the coming elections, as indeed, there appears every indication that he will."

Increase of Trade.

The trade of Canada during the last four years exceeded that of the previous four years by \$312,084,354.

Important Experiments.

The Canadian Department of Agriculture, under Hon. Sidney Fisher, has not only promoted the establishment of the very best known system of cold storage yet devised, but is always ready to aid in any improvements that may be suggested. According to the Montreal Gazette, a unique experiment will be tried on board the Manchester line steamer Manchester Trader, which left Montreal for the Old Country on Sunday morning. No. 4 tween decks has been entirely devoted to experimenting chambers for the carrying of fruits and other produce under three different systems. One of the chambers is fitted on Hamrah's patent principle of eliminating odors, moisture and gases and promoting circulation. The second chamber has been fitted up under the superintendence of Mr. Riddick, Dominion Government superintendent, with a system of ventilation by means of electric fans, while the third chamber is being exclusively used for butter at a low temperature. The result of these experiments will be looked for with interest. We are satisfied that what the Dominion Government, the shipowners, the exporters and the producers unitedly desire is the best possible appliance for the safe and speedy conveyance of our perishable products to their best market. We have made immense strides forward since 1896, prior to which next to nothing was done, and with so experienced an agriculturist as Hon. Sidney Fisher at the head of affairs, aided by the best experts that money can obtain, and with the active co-operation of the shippers, the best possible results and continued progress may be looked for.

It is easy to grumble at and to misrepresent the work of Hon. Mr. Fisher, Prof. Robertson, Dr. Wm. Saunders and others, but it speaks for itself and is highly commended by all disinterested parties. It is not well, therefore, to take the cavillings of disgruntled partisans too strongly.

Facing Both Ways.

Hugh John Macdonald, in a speech at Brandon, promised to use his utmost influence to have the duty on all agricultural implements taken off. In this province, Mr. Taylor, chief Conservative whip, says it is a great mistake ever to have reduced the duty, and the Conservative candidates generally take the ground that the "N. P." will be re-established as it was prior to 1896. We have thus one more proof of the two-facedness of the Opposition campaign.

All the farming that the Opposition leader ever tackled was the farming of contracts and fat jobs. He is pining to get back to his old industry.

Canada is well satisfied with Laurier.

After the preferential tariff was adopted in Canada, the Prophets of Evil in the Opposition ranks urged with might and main that the industries would be immediately ruined by the changes made. False were their hopes, for Canada has never prospered as much as she has in the last three years under a lowered tariff and a preference in favor of British goods. That being the case, the blue ruin prognosticators are now graciously pleased to acknowledge that times are good, but that they may be bad in the future, and they want to get a chance to prevent such a contingency. They talk into deaf ears. Canadians have not forgotten the hard times of 1895 and 1896, and we then had the trade restrictionists and their patent remedy for preventing dull times in power. It is too soon to give them another trial.

Laurier and Canadian unity.

Col. O'Brien, an old Conservative of the Conservatives, and formerly M. P. for Muskoka, at a recent public meeting in Simcoe county, said: "The thing that galled Sir Charles and his followers lay in the fact that the disloyal Grits in four years had done more to cement the unity of the Empire and to bring about a right understanding of the British people than the Conservatives did in eighteen years. As a Conservative member he knew that for years they (the Conservatives) tried to secure the denunciation of the Belgium and German treaties." They

failed to get these stumbling blocks in the way of preferential trade taken away, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier, no sooner was placed in power than he set about securing their abrogation, and establishing a preferential tariff by means of which the people of both Canada and Great Britain have been enormously benefited, and are likely to be much more so in the near future.

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Wepener

Is Now Occupied by the Boers

And the British Are Trying to Surround Them.

Chief Scout Edwards Says the Enemy's Forces Are Badly Broken Up.

Cape Town, Oct. 8. — The Boers now occupy Wepener, as well as Rouxville and Ficksburg, in Orange River Colony, and the British are attempting to surround them.

PEACE PROCLAMATION.

A proclamation of peace in South Africa is expected to be issued by Lord Roberts on Thursday, that being the anniversary of the declaration of war. Lord Roberts leaves at the end of the month for England to assume his new duties as commander-in-chief of the British army.

A SERIOUS AFFAIR.

Durban, Oct. 7. — Details of the disaster to the British convoy near De Jager's Drift on Oct. 1, show that the earlier reports underestimated its extent. The Boers numbered 450, and were commanded by Gen. Christian Botha. The British force, comprising the Durban Volunteers, was completely surprised. The British had outmanned when the attack commenced, and the native ox-drivers were shot down. The British casualties were one officer killed and six wounded. The Boers took 33 prisoners, who were subsequently released. The Boers captured one Hotchkiss gun and set fire to 24 wagons. They carried off the supplies, together with the oxen and mules, leaving one mule wagon for the transportation of the British wounded.

FIGHTING.

Johannesburg, Oct. 6. — Gen. Garton is fighting with a Boer commando north-east of Krugersdorp. Several bands of guerrillas have reappeared in that district recently, and more are expected.

A colonial force has gone south to Elandsfontein to clear the Boers out of the Klip Riversberg hills. These hills have been a regular rendezvous for the burghers lately.

The ignorant Boer inhabitants here attribute the fact that the British officials are selling and distributing food to a dislike on their part to clear

out the stores before they give up the country. These same people still readily believe and circulate the most absurd stories about the intervention by the powers.

IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.

Col. Henry, who wears the decoration of the Star of India, and who is reorganizing the police department here, has introduced the system of identification by finger marks, and in this way intends to register every native. This plan will be of great assistance in the distribution of passes, the regulation of labor and the suppression of illicit liquor selling.

BOER FORCES BROKEN UP.

London, Oct. 8. — The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Pretoria, Oct. 7: "The naval brigade leaves for Cape Town today. Edwards, commanding the Boer scouts, who has surrendered at Krugersdorp, said the Boer forces have been broken up and have not much fight left in them. Scattered remnants are getting tired of the war. The Cape House of Assembly passed to a second reading a bill to raise a loan of £500,000 to insure the immediate payment of half the losses sustained by private persons through the war."

LIEUT. NELLIES.

Toronto, Oct. 8. — According to the Military Gazette, a private dispatch from Cape Town conveyed the sad intelligence that the doctors had given up all hope of saving the life of Lieut. and Breveit-Capt. C. M. Nellies, of the R. C. D. Toronto, who went to Africa as a captain of the C. M. R. He was badly crushed by his horse falling on him.

A TOSS-UP IN NEW YORK.

Chicago, Oct. 8. — Amos J. Cummings as to the result in New York: "I believe it is a toss-up." The election is likely to go either way as it now stands."

Burdock Blood Bitters.

CURES SCROFULA.

Mrs. James Carr, Umfraville, Hastings Co., Ont., says: "My little boy, two and a half years old, was a terrible scrofulous. He had a great deal of trouble with scrofulous sores. My husband bought a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters for him and gave it to him, and by the time he had finished the second bottle there was not a sore to be seen. On account of this wonderful cure I can honestly recommend B.B.B. to all who suffer from any disease arising from bad blood."

CURES BOILS.

Mr. Oliver J. Murray, Charlottetown, P.E.I., writes as follows: "About six months ago I was troubled with painful boils, for which I could get nothing to cure me. As a last resort I tried Burdock Blood Bitters. One bottle completely rid me of boils, and my health was never better than at present."

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Ladies' Broad Ribbed Cashmere Hose, spliced feet, sizes \$½, 9, 9½, worth 35c pair, very special at 25c

Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose, fine quality, seamless feet, double heel and toe, full fashioned, regular 50c pair, special 40c

Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose, spliced heel and toe, worth 35c pair, special 2 pairs for \$50

Children's Cashmere Hose, sizes 4½, 5, 5½ only, worth 12½c pair, special 8 pairs for 25c

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Ladies' Heavy Fleeced Vests, full size, nicely finished, drawers to match, special at 25c

Ladies' Union Vests, full size, gusseted, drawers to match, extra quality at 50c

Ladies' Pure Wool Vests and Drawers, fine quality at 75c, 50c, and \$1 00

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French Flannels in pearl gray, with black dot, red with white dot, blue with black dot, and pink with white dot, 27 inches wide, extra value, per yard 50c

Scotch Flannels, particularly adapted for shirt waists, thoroughly shrunken, 32 inches wide, in blues, reseda, pink, sky and black and white; special, per yard 50c

The Fall Fairs.

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Caradoc, at Mount Brydges, Oct. 9.
North Simcoe, Stayner, Oct. 9-10.
Rlyth, Oct. 9-10.
West Nissour, Ag. Soc., Oct. 10.
Delaware, Oct. 10.
W. Kent, Chatham, Oct. 9-11.
Caledonia, Caledonia, Oct. 11-12.
North Norwich, Norwich, Oct. 12-13.
Norfolk Union, Simcoe, Oct. 15-18.
Owen Sound, Owen Sound, Oct. 15-18.
Norfolk Union, Simcoe, Oct. 15-18.
Moraviantown (Indian), Oct. 15-19.
Muncy (Indian) Fair, Oct. 23, 24, 25.
Chippewa Indian Agricultural Society, Muncy, Oct. 20-21.

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