

Quebec Opens Its Arms To the Conservative Leader

Mr. Borden Gets a Splendid Reception in the Eastern Townships—Attacks Liberal Stronghold and Makes Lasting Impression—French Canadian Audience Has Enthusiastic Cheers for Mr. Borden's Denunciation of Laurier and the Iniquitous Reciprocity Pact.

Quebec, Que., Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—The station by the Liberal mayor of the town, N. A. Pare, who read and presented an address of welcome to the Conservative chief, and followed from the station to the hotel, and from the hotel to the park by almost the entire crowd of 2,000 people attending the county fair. Mr. Borden and his lieutenants invaded this Liberal stronghold today.

The town was in gala attire with streamers strung from every vantage point and a brass band playing an air composed by the bandmaster specially for this occasion and known as the Borden March, headed the procession through the town.

Outside the evidences of organization work by the local committee, however, the outburst of interest by the population was thoroughly spontaneous. From the moment that Mr. Borden replied in courteous French to the mayor's address of welcome, he had the entire crowd with him.

The same measure of support was given to the candidate of the conservative, Dr. Pickett, who in the election of 1908 ran only 14 votes behind ex-member Meighen, and who at present looks like reversing that vote by more than 18 times that number.

If Dr. Pickett's chances were considered excellent before, they are certainly greatly enhanced today, not only by the support given him by Mr. Borden, Mr. Doughty, H. B. Ames, L. T. Marchal and Henry P. LeBlanc, but by the ability shown by himself in setting forth in clear cut style the objection of every right thinking and loyal Canadian farmer and artisan to every phase of the pact that would take away the birth-right of British citizens in order to pull the Liberal party out of a bad hole.

Laurier's ambassadors extraordinary, in fact, the most extraordinary ambassadors that ever undertook a diplomatic mission had found sympathetic listeners on the American side, where the administration, having lost control of congress, was also in trouble. "I felt that the Democratic tendency towards lower tariffs and wanted to steal a march on them. Hence the reciprocity proposals snatched at by the Laurier government to cover up the reeking stench of scandal that could no longer be covered. For party advantage Laurier betrayed his country."

As to the Naval Bill, Dr. Pickett's remarks were succinct. If elected to parliament he would leave no stone unturned to repeal the act that had established such service. But even more useless and not only useless to Canada but dangerous was the reciprocity pact, for if the Americans get one foot into our fiscal system they would have four feet in so firmly that it would be beyond the power of Canada to dislodge them. The country that stole the state of Maine and by sharp tactics inveigled a valuable strip of the Yukon from Canada could hardly be trusted to deal tenderly with our political independence when given a chance to dictate.

Mr. Borden's Fine Speech.
Mr. Borden spoke next.
"Ontario and Western Canada had assured him," said Mr. Borden, that they intended to maintain the British connection. These had in no mistaken voice proclaimed that the bonds uniting the Empire were neither light or imperceptible. Would Quebec say the same thing? (Cries: "We'll stay in the Empire too.")
"Well," said Mr. Borden, "this reciprocity pact is the greatest menace to that connection that has ever dawned on our horizon, but trust in the good judgment of the Canadian electors to avert the danger. Parliament dissolved with startling suddenness, less than a month ago and if I judge right this dark cloud that now hangs over us together with evil geni of the Liberal government who have conjured up the spectre WILL BE DISSOLVED WITH EVEN MORE STARTLING SUDDENNESS ON THE TWENTY-FIRST OF SEPTEMBER NEXT."

The Government of Graft.
Mr. Borden here referred to the Lancet scandal and argued from the inherent honesty of the electorate of that part of Quebec which turned the whitewashed minion of Laurier out of the running that the balance of Quebec would as honestly deal with the reciprocity proposals and turn them down. He dissected all the arguments advanced by the government for the adoption of reciprocity and could not find one which could justify Canada's surrender from the policy of the past fifty years.



A scene from the rip-roaring comedy, Baby Mine, at the Opera House tomorrow night.

There was no quarrel with the United States but the right way for Canada to maintain friendly relations with the republic was to be absolutely independent of it.

The chair was taken by Messrs. Lynch and Montague, introducing the English and French speakers respectively who included Messrs. LeBlanc, H. B. Ames and L. T. Marchal.

Twelve hundred residents of this end of Sheffield county stood heroically for two hours and a half in the town hall here tonight apparently drinking in with avidity the arguments of Messrs. R. L. Borden, Jas. Davidson Conservative candidate here, H. B. Ames and L. T. Marchal, of Montreal, on the reciprocity pact.

No chairs were placed in the hall so that the space could accommodate the eager listeners. Even then hundreds were unable to get anywhere within the doors of the building.

Repeating mainly the arguments that he used in Montreal, Mr. Borden spoke for nearly three-quarters of an hour while the audience cried for more when he retired.

L. T. Marchal quickly gained the sympathy and confidence of the French speaking members of the audience by an impassioned denunciation of the leader and party which held the British guarantee of French Canadian privileges so lightly that he would sacrifice for friendship with the United States. When interrupted by a voice in the rear of the hall pleading for just a little cheer for Laurier, Mr. Marchal stopped and invited his friend to cheer to his heart's content, after which he called for cheers for Borden. The response was almost deafening and lasted for several minutes.

The leader and his lieutenants go from here to Richmond tomorrow afternoon, returning to Sherbrooke in the evening and holding meetings in both places.

HALIFAX MEETING CHEERED BORDEN

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Gets Poor Encouragement From His Halifax Meeting

Halifax, Aug. 30.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed a monster meeting here tonight. The Arena rink which has a seating capacity of 5,000, was filled to overflowing, about a third of those present being women. Very little enthusiasm was manifested, and it is a safe bet that the majority of those present went to see the man, not to hear his arguments in favor of reciprocity. Before the end of the meeting hundreds of people had left the building and a large number of those who remained till the end, did so out of courtesy.

Speeches were made by Dr. Blackadar, the Liberal candidate for Halifax, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Mr. Macell and Hon. A. K. MacLean, Dr. Blackadar's colleague. The sole topic was the reciprocity question.

Several times during the evening cheers were given for R. L. Borden and Clifford Sifton. The noise on these occasions was louder than when the Liberals were applauded. It looks like defeat for Blackadar and MacLean, in Halifax.

GIRL DROWNED FROM A CANOE

Kennebunkport, Me., Aug. 30.—Despite the brave efforts of Herbert Melcher, 18 years old, Mount Vernon, N. Y., to save Miss Patience Mitchell, 17 years old, when the canoe in which they were in capsized in the open of Babsons River today, the girl was drowned. Melcher was so exhausted that his condition tonight is serious. Melcher is a good swimmer and canoeist, and this afternoon with Miss Mitchell he paddled three miles out to sea. In the chop off the mouth of Babsons River the frail craft was overturned and Melcher kept the girl's head above water for nearly an hour until a motor boat came along and picked them up. Melcher disregarding his own exhausted condition helped work her for a long time, but she died from exhaustion.

SAYS TODD CAN'T BE ELECTED NOW

Mr. Hart's Chances in the Border County Growing Brighter Every Day

St. Stephen, Aug. 30.—"Mr. Todd cannot be elected in Charlotte county," is the opinion of a well informed man of affairs, who was one of his most enthusiastic workers in his last campaign.

"I am a Liberal but cannot vote for reciprocity. I must vote for Mr. Hart," is the announcement of another who worked and voted for Mr. Todd in 1908.

These are sample expressions of what is heard on every hand, and indications of the trend of affairs politically in the county.

The Conservative meetings are everywhere crowded and enthusiasm pervades the party, while the government speakers find it difficult to get an audience or a hearing.

Last week the government forces were re-enforced by one Michael Kelley, a blid orator, but it was soon recognized that it was a case of the blind leading the blind, so far as any knowledge of reciprocity was concerned, and he has this week been replaced by a Presbyterian minister from St. John.

The government candidate finds it hard to satisfactorily account to his own party for his stewardship and this, with the reciprocity milestone about his neck, makes his road a difficult one. On almost every side it is conceded that Mr. Hart will carry Charlotte by a record majority. He is assured of support from former Liberals who never voted a Conservative ticket before, and his election can be regarded as a certainty.

DID ANOTHER MAN FIRE FATAL SHOT

Chesfield Courthouse, Va., Aug. 30.—Testimony corroborative of the story told by Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., that a bearded highwayman killed his wife with a shotgun, was introduced by the defence in the Beattie trial today, when W. R. Holland, who lives in the vicinity of the Midlothian turnpike where the murder occurred, declared that he had seen a bearded man with a shotgun about 5 hours before the tragedy. It was the first time the defence after the prosecution rested its case at noon today to establish the innocence of the prisoner and beside the Holland's statement concerning the man with the gun, Eugene Henshaw a farmer who travels the Midlothian turnpike daily, testified he saw a strange looking man prowling around on the three different days before the murder.

It is reported tonight that the prosecution is ready when its time for rebuttal arrives to put on the stand the man who passed along the railroad track where Holland said he saw a man with a shotgun and that the new witness will say he was squirrel hunting that day.

The defence summoned many witnesses. Besides the testimony regarding the bearded man, expert testimony was introduced as to the bounding qualities of an auto similar to that driven by Beattie which might account for the jolting of the rear of the car of the shotgun placed in the rear seat by Beattie after the encounter with the alleged highwayman.

The prosecution attacked this line of evidence. It contended that the railroad crossing where Beattie claims the gun must have been ejected from the car was a smooth one and that the jolt, which might have resulted from crossing the tracks where the rails are exposed necessarily and would have tossed the weapon forward from the crossing instead of directly sideways parallel with the track where the gun was found. The idea of the prosecution has been to indicate that Beattie himself shoved down at the crossing and threw the gun to one side on his way to the Owen home with his dead wife.

The defence sought to show that being held up by highwaymen while motoring in this vicinity was not an uncommon occurrence, and put on the stand a chauffeur who related an experience with a highwayman a year ago. The defence announced that it intended to give other instances later.

Beattie's counsel attacked the declaration of Sam Talley that he heard on the night of the murder a woman scream of a woman on the Midlothian turnpike. Several witnesses testified that the morning after the murder when Beattie talked with Talley nothing was said about a woman screaming.

Viterbo, Italy, Aug. 30.—Enrico Alfano, the alleged head of the Camorristi and Giuseppe Minichiello, another member of the Camorra now on trial for the murder of Gennaro Concollo and his wife were condemned to three months imprisonment today for insulting Cavalier Bianchi the president of the court.

Alfano and Minichiello took offence at the manner in which questions were put to a carabinieri and shouted with much gesticulation that the judge was suggesting the answers of the witness and they succeeded in creating such confusion that the proceedings were interrupted.

After the tumult had subsided the public prosecutor demanded that Alfano and Minichiello be tried on the charge of insulting the judge during the execution of his duty and was successful in having the two chief disturbers condemned to 6 months imprisonment.

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