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THE VAN HORNE MEETING

The Conservative campaign in St. John has not been a fortunate one. Something has dampened the fireworks. They do not explode with any marked degree of suc-cess. Mr. Borden came and went his way, leaving only the old impression among even his most devoted followers, and they impression is that he is a prese add they are the tradies but perhaps by the tradies but perhaps to be the tradies of t TREASON AND POTATOES Lord Charles Beresford, the di mpression is that he is a prosy and some- treaties, but perhaps, so mpression is that he is a prosy and some what commonplace if agreeable gentleman, who can never hope to lead his party with any sort of distinction. Having come to St. John to address members of the party who have realized from the beginning of the campaign that September 21 can bring them nothing but defeat, Mr. Borden's fullure to give the local Conservative forces a good fighting edge was to be expected. Monday night Sir William Van Horne

Monday night Sir William Van Horne was the star actor, and, partly from curiosity, and partly because the campaign is now approaching its climaz, a good crowd turned out to see and to hear. Mr. W. S. Pisher, who acted as stage hanger exploded a room folded by the best of starts of the start ger, exploded a very feeble bomb by United States. But to give our ating that while his own party had free entry to the United States at (in spite of allegations to the con-treason, our Conservative friends tell ary) received and used American money So it is-treason to the "interests."

THE CONSERVATIVE COLLAPSE

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The campaign is now almost within a week of its conclusion and it may be timely and proper to consider the progress of the canvass on both sides, and some of the more important features which have emerged as the battle has approached its elimax. When the elections were first announced, the Conservative party flooded the country with a large number of misleading, false, but in some instances plausible arguments against the government of the day and the principal plank in its platform, reciprocity. Before the campaign had grown a week old, the weakness of the Conservative opposition began to become plain. A year previous Mr. Borden had been thundering against the Canadian navy, and in the previous commaice, he ninned his face, during the opening weeks Mr. Borden had been thundering against the Canadian navy, and in the previous campaign he pinned his face, during the opening weeks at least, to something now dimly described as the "Halifax Plat-form." But today, except where Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Borden's other seditionist allies rage in Quebec, Canada hears little of the navy question, and the "Halifax Platform" which Mr. Borden enunciated in the campaign of 1908, has been inconspicuously whistled down the in the filling in work at the head of the har. ld fing extensively. He quoted a garble ersion of a portion of one of Preside aft's speeches, but he had not the con-

wind. During the second week of the present campaign Conservative leaders and licutenants from Halifax to Vancouver began to depend upon two principal arguments against the Laurier administration. One of these was that reciprocity would tend toward annexa-tion, or, as many of the more reckless Conservatives expressed it, would certainly lead to annexation. The other was that as the United States is a tremendous grower of agricultural products, the Canadian farmer, instead of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained for the toward annexation. The other was that as the United States is a tremendous grower the promised benefits from reciprocity would contained of deriving dajesty's government with the United states. Had Mr. Flemming been hones nough to mention this treaty, which put o shame the Conservative claim that it is

of agricultural products, the Canadian farmer, instead of deriving the promised benefits from reciprocity, would see his own markets taken from him by his more numerous American competitors. While these two were made the main arguments by Conserva-tives, there were other attempts to confuse the issue, and nearly all of them were sheerly dishonest, such as the effort to create the imloyal to sell our potatoes, our hay, and onservative audience must have thought ore highly of him. But Mr. J. K. Fleming of "Blue Bell" fame, is not cast in

He has only one, and he repeats it night after night, as though defeat is so certain that it is not worth while to invent new pression that the proposed tariff changes involved manufactured into this port over the C. P. R. rails and goods as well as natural products. terial for the delectation of his dimin-

into its steamers and the steamers of the other lines which come here in the winter Today there is no intelligent audience anywhere in Canada to whom these Conservative arguments may be addressed directly with-out bringing confusion upon their authors. The annexation bogey of the jeremiad of Sir William Van his old string of exaggerations, but he was the same Mr. Powell of whom several conhas been made ridiculous in each of the nine provinces. Not only has it been proved, again and again, that Sir John Macdonald and other Conservative leaders sought in vain to get reciprocity, but it has been shown by quotations from the records that they sought an actual and binding treaty, and hot a mere trade agreement such as stituencies have grown weary because of his utter disregard for facts and his foolish nption that his audiences are composed

actual and binding treaty, and fot a mere trade agreement such as is now contemplated. So soon as their principal campaign magazine was exploded by the Liberals, opposition speakers and newspapers began to assert that the trade agreement, while not formally a treaty, could not be abrogated if once entered into. This argument was promptly itself and the letters of Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson, and the united States Secretary of State, in which it is specifically set forth that the agreement may be deemed expedient.

that the agreement may be terminated by either party to it when-ever such action may be deemed expedient. So, in no part of Canada today is there any considerable body of electors who do not understand thoroughly that the trade agree ment, like any other tariff law, can be changed at will. As for the annexation talk, the electors understand fully that our trade with although this trade has been multiplied by four, Canada is not less loyal but more loyal, if that were possible, than it was fifteen years THE ONLY HOPE FOR THE MARI- Kingdom are level-headed men of inde fiscal revolution, but that it involves only about twenty-three per cent. of our trade with the United States, and that it merely facili tates the entry of our products into their natural market, into which market every Canadian statesman of note for tory years past has desired that they should have free entry, realizing that any other nels. Suppose that if we did not pass it, but that the United States, for their own with the United States, of this country. fiscal revolution; but that it involves only about twenty-three per

policy must prove a clog upon the progress of this country. We come next to another exploded argument—that the Canadian farmer, and Canadians generally, will suffer from American com-petition. So thoroughly has this fallacious contention been exposed that today it is nowhere regarded seriously in this country. Within the boundaries of the United States there is the greatest free trade area in all the world. When the Conservatives began to tell us that millions of American farmers would flood the small markets of the Maritime Provinces with agricultural products, the argument looked Maritime Provinces with agricultural products, the argument looked Westerners, likely soon to be 4,000,000, and Mr. Todd's victory in Charlotte is now midable for just about five minutes. Then the case of the farmers likely in no long time thereafter to be admitted even by Conservatives. formidable for just about hve minutes. Then the case of the farmers of Maine cropped up. The other forty-five states have not succeed-ed in flooding the markets of Maine with agricultural products; although the Maine farmers have no tariff to protect them against the rest of their own country which contains some ninety millions of people, they are more prosperous than ours. As the Maritime Provinces are somewhat more remote from the American agricul-tured states theor is Maine the american agriculural states than is Maine, there is no reason in the world why Amercan farm competition is to be feared here any more than it is in "Everything is well with us, why not let



rive us more; if Quebec gives us as much as at the last election, and she will do as well; if the maritime provinces do as well, and they will do better; and the west, it will do better there's no doubt ; then within five weeks from September 21 parliament will be called together, the Conservatives will have to submit and

etter: "Office of the Dominion Liberal-Con-servative Association for Ontario, "Crown Life Building, Toronto, August 16, 1911. "Dear Sir,--I am glad to tell you that we are fortunate enough to have the aid of the pen of Mr. Arthur Hawkes in the election campaign, and I know you will be glad to use signed articles by him that will come to you. Mr. Hawkes has written ten National Specials under most attractive titles; and, under his nom de plume of John V. Borne, twenty-six pithy articles of about 350 words each, under the gen-eral heading Points about the Deal." Mr. Hawkes will addres at least one meeting a day, for the rest of the campaign, and has also promised to write a series of news stories; entilled Through Ontario with the British-Born, which will be placed freely at you." the beginning. tectionist opposition.

your disposal: "I thought that you would like to know we shall be very glad to see this ammunition as widely used as poss-ible."

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enough to shut off The sills of the h one foot from the below the sills bo boards come to keep them from contact with the vatives spent in eighteen. And this is but Conservative lip-loyalty voted against the British preference. Deeds, not words. The Liberals gave Britain a solid advantage in our markets-in spite of Conservative pro-. The development of Courtenay Bay will make St. John a great seaport city. Vote for it. The reactionaries are all in the Conservative party here. Vote for the bigger city, the more prosperous province. The Liberals carired only eleven out of thirteen New Brunswick seats in 1908. They want the entire thirteen this time.

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mained to hear him. We are all, or nearly all, "British-born." Our fellows who were born in the United Our fellows who were born of inde

The Montreal Star has been caught

Mr. Albert Whitney, Liberal, brother of Premier Whitney, at Prescott:

straightforward interview with the vice

president and general manager of the C. P. R. in today's paper. Mr. McNicoll does

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and anlegance to Britan and British institutions by reciprocity or any other agreement of its character. (Cheers). The people of Canada are determined to retain their proud position in the British Empire. Their loyalty is not and cannot be affected, and to say so is to insult them."

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"I am heartily in favor of reciprocity.

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corrupt the Canadian electorate, the ervative executive suspected that the C. P. R. PATRIOTISM wicked Liberals were using Yankee gold The C. P. R. is one of the most so for this fell purpose. Mr. Fisher was ful and best managed business corpor for this fell purpose. Mr. Piener was the and best managed business corportions noticeably shy of information to support his insinuation, and certainly no one in the audience regarded it seriously. It is "disloyalty" of reciprocity it becomes campaign time, and likely enough Mr. Fisher meant no harm. And he did none,

Then came Sir William Van Horne. He is not accustomed to political speaking, and the audience did not always treat the ket where the C. P. R. buys so many a

and the autience did not nivers treat the fet where the C. P. R. ouys so many or great man with the deference due to one its supplies. Moreover, Sir William, Van of his exalted station when he had come to St. John to tell the good people here how they should cast their plebeian bal lots. At times when Sir William was forced to consult his notes the audience ure of reciprocity from Mr. Blaine. Of the tittered in an unseemly fashion as if, after 15,000 miles of road owned or controlled

forced to consult his notes the audience tittered in an unseemly fashion as if, after all, they thought a compaign speaker out to play the game and speak with fluency and conviction. Of course Sir William could not do that. The shining gen of Sir William's speech was an attack upon the C. P. R.'s offec boy. Sir William had a bad day Mon day. When the reporters met him at the railway station in the morning he told them-speaking of reciprocity—that he had decided "to bust the damn thing." He would not have said that had he been entirely happy as he read the morning papers on the train. It was not an uttra ance calculated to impress the city, and as a matter of fact, the reporters were uncommonly considerate in not reporting in thil all of the other things he faid. But, to return to the C. P. R.'s land offee graph and in The Evening Times an item concerning a photograph (which The Times reproduced) of the C. P. R.'s land offee in 'Seattle, in which appeared a sign in tended to attract the attention of intend ing purchasers of Canadian lands; and the sign said that recimpority world.

tended to attract the attention of intenti-ing purchasers of Canadian lands; and the sign said that reciprocity would increase the value of Canada lands 100 per cent. Edward Walker who says it is not disloyal

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and with the Liberal party generally, he had to explain why this astonishing sign had for weeks been preaching such a doc-trine, while he, a director of the C. P. R., was asserting the gloomy contrary. So he

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irresponsible office hoy, and he intimated that he and other C. P. R. authorities had ready to tell Sir William and Sir Edward given instructions, in regard to the trouble some sign, that the "blankety-blank" that they will have a square deal in tariff

whatever the nature of his employment-has done his dreadful work. Photographs

matters, that they are going to have a thing must be "busted" without delay. tariff that gives the average man as good But the office boy-whatever his age and treatment as it does the wealthy. If that

adian farmers will do to the present tariff

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The case in a nutshell is this: We have always sought a larger market for the export of our natural products, and the removal of the duties will enable us to sell all that we grow over and above what we consume at home. There are many articles that we do not grow, but that we desire to buy, and these we shall be able to obtain duty free. The result, therefore, will be to enlarge and steady the farmers' market, while at the same time relieving the consumer and the farmer from the grip of the middlemen who, in a small and limited market, have been able to squeeze the farmer on one hand and the consumer on the other. There are many articles that we do not grow, but that we desire to buy, able to enlarge and steady the farmers' market, while grip of the middlemen who, in a small and limited market, have been able to squeeze the farmer on one hand and the consumer on the

For many days past Canada has been fully awake to the fact there any reasonable hope that they will man.

that the Conservative party, in setting up a great shout about dis-loyalty, in waving the flag, and in protesting that the opposition has some sort of mandate to save the Empire, has simply been mak-ing a lot of unseemly and disgraceful noise for the purpose of divert-ing public attention from the miserable weakness of the whole Con-THE "BRITISH-EORN" servative case.

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the folds of a flag too glorious and too nonorable to the chapter of the greatest leader Sir Wilfrid Laurier's prophecies of victory, uttered at Sudbury and at London within a day or two, are those of the greatest leader Canada ever honored, and they are made after he has personally and at London within a day or two, are those of the greatest leader traversed much of the fighting ground embraced in the present cam-paign. Moreover, he has had from all quarters of the country reports of a character as reliable as it is possible for a government to receive after experienced men in every district have weighed the chances of victory and defeat.

after experienced men in every district have weighed the chances of victory and defeat. Sir Wilfrid was never so confident in his life as now that his government will score an overwhelming victory on September 21. His conviction is shared by Liberals in every part of Canada. Every-where it is recognized that the Conservative cause is lost. By bringing on a premature election, and by revealing itself as the tool of the "interests," the Conservative party has made a blunder so grave and so far-reaching that it cannot recover from

as the tool of the "interests," the Conservative party has made a mate character, was a purely partian crea-blunder so grave and so far-reaching that it cannot recover from the ensuing loss and confusion for a decade at least. After Septem-ber 21 the Conservative party will require a new leader, in fact, a new set of leaders. It will be compelled to reorganize, to call a national convention, as should have been done a year ago, and to set itself resolutely to work upon its own reformationof that sign have appeared now in every city in Canada, and have carried with them a conviction that the C. P. R., as a busi-ness corporation, believes reciprocity will

majority of the farmers in Ontario? "But they have a further argument, Canada? They rule R. L. Borden. A prosperous farming population makes the city prosperous. Give the farmer his turn. York is trying hard to shake off, the York is trying hard to shake off, the well enough alone?" I deny this premise. turn. the city prosperous. Give the farmer his

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HALIFAX APPRECIATES HON. MR. PUGSLEY

Speaking at Halifax last week, Mr. A. B. Crosby declared that Halifax had got nothing, but that "Dr. Pugsley had got everything for St. John." This statement is worth thinking about. If Mr. Crosby were in St. John he would evidently be a supporter of Dr. Pugsley.

millionaires of the city of Toronto. It will be a great thing for Canada. I will allow no man to charge me with being weak in my loyalty to the Brit-ish Empire, and this cry is one of the most foolish ever presented to the peo-ple." Sir William Van Horne should read with a very great deal of interest, a

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