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"Although my head is getting grey, and I am making the mistake that is becoming too prevalent, that of getting old, I have still a few kicks in my body. I can do something yet for my party and something yet for my country. We have been twelve years in office. Twelve years is not a very long period in the history of Canada, but those twelve years will count in the life of this nation. As everybody knows, those twelve years have been years of unequalled prosperity but it must be recognized that those twelve years have lifted Canada from a position of inferiority to a position of exaltedness which it never had before. When we took office in 1896 Canada was a small colony, hardly known in France, though France had been its cradle; hardly known in Great Britain, though it was the gem of the British Crown; hardly known by our own neighbors to the south, although our frontier line runs with theirs across the continent; hardly known in Europe. But today, after our twelve years of office, Canada has become a new star to which is directed the gaze of the whole civilized world. That is what we have done."--Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at Stormont.

The Liberal leader in Opposition was surrounded by a host of the highest character and ability. The Conservative leader in Opposition is surrounded by pignies. Who have been Mr. Borden's lieutenants in the House of Commons? Apart from Mr. Osler, who is a C. P. R. director, and Mr. Monk, the French-Canadian leader, has there been a man of first-class ability and untarnished reputation behind Mr. Borden? There is George Eulas Foster, who in office betrayed his leader, and in private life violated a trust which every honorable man would consider sacred. There is a sorry accusation, and whose Western deals have been a public scandal. There is Lefurgey, a confederate of Fowler in his secret negotiations with railway corporations by which he pocketed a nice fortune in land speculation. There is Pope, the ringleader of the gang, who financed his enterprises on the credit of railway magnates, and who now reappears as the Opposition leader in the Eastern Townships of Quebec after a period of exclusion from Parliament. There is Bennett, a parliamentary hooligan, with a penchant for slander and coarse abuse, and who was leagued, with Pope and Fowler in some of their Western exploitations.

Go over the whole list, present and prospective, and you will find that Mr. Borden, with all his boasts about Cabinet material, takes the country with as sorry a following as ever a leader had in this or any other country. He himself falls far below the standard that Canada has set for her statesmen.

Is there any national person who is prepared to vote to hand over the Government to these men?

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding, whose honesty and integrity are known to all men, are being assailed in all quarters as thieves and robbers and looters of the public treasury the time has come for plain speech. So far the Liberal Party has refrained from other than the discussion of public issues; but if this sort of despicable Tory warfare is to be continued, the Liberal Party will be forced to strike back and to strike at the vulnerable points of which there are not a few. It is deplorable that public discussion should be degraded to the gutter. It will be still more deplorable if a party which has endeavored to discuss public questions and public issues on their merits, without recourse to personal matters, shall be compelled to retaliate.

In the meantime the Liberal Party must gird on its armor and fight this dastardly campaign of lying and slander, to the death trusting to the good sense of decent people, actuated by a spirit of fairplay and justice, to see to it that the Laurier Government is not lied of office, and that men who have given faithful and honorable service to the country are not made the victims of a canvass which has already outraged every canon of decency and fair play.

The Liberal Party is going to win this fight, but it rests with its friends and supporters everywhere to do their part worthily and well. In this there is reason to hope, they will have the active assistance of many Conservatives who are not in sympathy with the methods employed in the name of their party. For, as Mr. B. W. Thompson, the veteran journalist and Canadian correspondent of the Boston Transcript, whose impartiality is attested by the Halifax Tory organ, wrote to his paper a few days ago, "Anything short of a stiff public rebuke to Laurier's opponents would be a concession of a campaign consisting largely of deliberate, malignant slander, the success of which would degrade Canadian public life for several generations."

BY THE WAY

Labor has a right to unite.
Foster, Fowler and the Foresters. Think it over.

Labor has a right to raise funds to sustain a strike.

Mr. Todd is a generous opponent and a loyal friend.

What has Mr. Ganong ever done for Charlotte Co? Think it over.

What did the Conservative party ever do for Charlotte County? Name it.

Terrible thing to smuggle, but worse to be burdened with a law to punish.

For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the "purity" Tory is peculiar.

The Laurier government will be triumphantly sustained at the polls. Put Charlotte in line.

Just three weeks more, and then the explanation department of the Pharisee will be running overtime.

It is the part of wisdom of the voters of Charlotte County to see to it that Wm. F. Todd is elected on October 26th.

The affection developed by the Hazen government for sections of the County, in and around St. George, is pathetic.

The conviction has settled down into the minds of the active workers in both parties that the Laurier Government will be sustained.

In Charlotte the Liberals who gave their support to the Hazen party, in local issues, will to a man support W. F. Todd in the Federal fight.

Driven to desperation the Tories are starting a riot of corruption and political delinquency in the County. This is the basis of all their political efforts.

The agencies of persuasion, of which the Tory politician knows the precise operation, are beginning to reach certain parts of the County. Watch them!

Let there be no mistake about it Laurier is going to finish his work. Laurier has made Canada the nation of the Twentieth Century, and nothing is too good for him.

Over in New Brunswick the cause of Liberalism has gained ground so rapidly that they are looking for a solid delegation for the Party of Progress. Here's hoping.--Halifax Chronicle.

Members of labor unions have the right and should carefully consider the promises and Acts of different political parties, and vote as they believe the best interests of the country lies.

"Better men and better times" is the Conservative campaign slogan. Better men? Borden for Laurier; Foster for Fielding; Fowler for Pugsley; Pope Lefurgey and Bennett for Lemieux, Aylesworth and Patterson! Think it over.

We have done for the cause of labor what no other Government have done. I shall take the first opportunity to submit to my colleagues that the time has come when we should have a department of labor under a separate minister.--Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Berlin.

It is about time for the government to see to it that certain officials in government employ be made to attend to the business for which they are paid. If some of them, who are rushing around the country on political tours are brought up with a short rope they will have only themselves to blame.

"The opinion that the Government 'will be returned' is growing, says the Saturday Sunset of Vancouver, a Conservative newspaper. The Toronto Saturday Night, an Independent Weekly, in the course of a sentence has this enlightening phrase, dropped casually: 'If Sir Wilfrid wins again 'next month, as no doubt he will.' There is no doubt about it. The campaign of mind-slitting is going to be one of the most spectacular failures in the history of Canadian politics.

Electors living along the line of promise recently travelled by Morrissey, Clark and the local representative are laughing at the thoughts of new and better roads in the fall, laughing at the idea of money 'left over' from the summer and are seriously considering the mental effects on the new brand of politicians the recent local election is responsible for. The strain of new promises and larger responsibilities must be wearing on a man, even if he imagines himself a politician.

BY THE WAY

\$70,000 for public works in the County of Charlotte!

Getting serious. A hurry call has gone out for a meeting of Tory leaders in St. Stephen.

There is complete harmony among the Liberals, and Conservative success is impossible.

"They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adder's poison is under their lips."

Centuries ago it was said of the slanderer: "A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth."--Dr. Pugsley at Milltown.

"There is no class more entitled to the assistance of the Government in the prosecution of their business than the fishermen."--Dr. Pugsley at Milltown.

The Liberals have rolled back the map of Canada a hundred miles to the northward. And they have done this beside: greatly improving upon the map as it existed.

Yes, esteemed friend, they had the peanuts at Oak Bay--they also had from 1500 to 1800 people to enjoy the feast--the greatest gathering in the history of Charlotte County.

"Mr. Todd, as the representative of his County, would discharge the duties of a representative in a manner that would meet with general acceptance."--Hon. Wm. Pugsley at Milltown.

One of Sir Wilfrid's most caustic observations at Tilbury was his suggestion that Mr. Borden's association with the Provincial Premiers might not be in vain if it resulted in the conversion of Messrs. Hanna, Roblin and Hazen to Civil Service reform. "Then," he declared "they would be saved from the spectacle of dismissals for political reasons."

A Liberal and a Conservative met on the street this morning.

"Good morning," said the Liberal.

"You're a liar," said the Conservative.

"What evidence have you?" asked the Liberal.

"The fact that you're a thief," said the Conservative.

"Has that been proved?" asked the Liberal.

"We'll lick you, anyway," said the Conservative. And that was all the gentleman said.--Times New Reporter.

After a careful and impartial review of the whole field, the New York Sun comes to the same conclusion as the New York World that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will carry the coming general elections in Canada. It declares that his opponents are beaten in advance, and that in many places they are making a merely nominal fight, the notorious incapacity of their leaders having left them without any real live issue upon which to make a success of one among a people who in the whole are well satisfied with the Liberal regime.

Here is the opinion of the Montreal Star.

"When President Roosevelt suppressed Senator Foraker, Mr. Foraker countered by suppressing Governor Haskell, now who is to be Borden's Haskell? He need not pause for lack of material. There is Mr. Foster, the man who profited by a personal speculation with 'Trust Funds,' there are Fowler and Lefurgey, the members of Parliament who sought favors from the powerful railway corporations when they were elected to stand between the people and the greed of just such bodies, and there are others whose reputation is no strength to the conservative party."

Mr. Borden in a recent speech from which a quotation is made in another column, says he has absolute confidence in Mr. Hugh Graham's word then he can scarcely decline to accept that gentleman's advice with respect to Foster Fowler & Co.

Charlotte County harbors enjoyed the advantage of being the ports nearest Montreal and the great centres of traffic in the west which were open at all seasons of the year.

The Dominion was in its infancy, but the grain and cattle trade of the west, as well as the products of the farm, had already attained large proportions and were adding vastly to the trade of the St. Lawrence in summer and of the ports of the maritime provinces in the winter. He saw no reason why parts of Charlotte county should not receive some of the benefit from the growing traffic. Therefore it was of great importance to this constituency that they should have at Ottawa a man like Mr. Todd, full of hope and confidence in the county's possibilities, prepared to assist the grand Canadian policy to which the Liberal party was devoting its best energies of sending Canadian trade through Canadian channels to Canadian ports.--Dr. Pugsley at Milltown.

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