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GREAT WELCOME TO CHIEF

All Arranged For The Visit of The Premier

HERE MONDAY NOON

Greeting at Depot—Thousands in Torchlight Procession to Victoria Rink — Band Concerts Outside for Those Awaiting Overflow Meeting—First Excursion Over G. T. P. to Moncton Celebration

St. John is going to do signal honor to the Liberal Chieftain, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, next Monday. Preparations are going on apace for the most magnificent reception ever accorded a public man by the citizens of this Loyalist old city. It is by no means strange, too, that citizens of all sides of politics, and opinion are awaiting the premier's visit with pleasant anticipation, for all are anxious to hear him expound the policy of the government on the great reciprocity question, which is now gripping Canada. What Sir Wilfrid has to tell the people of St. John and the maritime provinces will be a message containing more food for serious thought than in any political issue for many years. Excursions from all points along the I. C. R. and C. P. R. as well as by river and bay transportation lines are to be run into this city on Monday, and thousands will crowd the hotels and boarding houses. It is to be a provincial demonstration in every sense of the word.

Sir Wilfrid and a party of five, including his secretary, colleagues and servant, will leave Montreal by the Atlantic Express on Sunday evening at 7.15. It is stated that Hon. W. S. Fielding may be one of his companions on this trip, and the general hope is that this report is founded upon fact.

Upon arriving in St. John at noon on Monday the party will be formally greeted by Chairman F. J. G. Knowlton of the central Liberal executive, and the whole membership of the executive. The permanent reception committee, headed by the chairman, Col. J. L. McAvity and the secretary, W. E. Bowman, will also do honor to the chief. Motor conveyances will be taken and Sir Wilfrid and party will repair to their suites in the Royal hotel.

During Monday afternoon it is expected the premier will be taken in an auto about the city, particularly to the terminal facilities and sites of proposed works, and where work is already in progress. The new armory, the new post office site and other places of interest will be brought to his notice, as he was always evinced an interest in the furtherance of work in St. John. The premier will be unable to accept the entertainment of many who have already invited him to their homes, as his visit is to be a short one and his card filled with exacting business. The afternoon, which is at his own disposal, will be the only restful period he will have while here. This, as explained, will probably be spent touring the terminal facilities.

The Procession

Elaborate preparations have been made for the procession and platform meeting at night in the Victoria Rink. The procession will form up in Prince William street and Market Square, excepting the automobiles which are to be strung out —about sixty in all —along Canterbury street as far down as St. James if necessary. Col. J. L. McAvity will be marshal in chief of the torchbearers and five bands, and he will be assisted by Major Stanley B. Smith and about 100 other marshals.

The men will be arranged in squads interspered with bands and automobiles, as well as open carriages. These conveyances will contain members of the various com-

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORTS.
Temperature Past 24 Hours.

	Max	Min	Dir	Vel.	
Toronto.....	68	54	E.	10	Cloudy
Montreal....	72	56	S.W.	4	Fair
Quebec.....	72	50	S.E.	4	Clear
Chatham....	72	46	W.	4	Clear
Charl'town..	72	52	W.	4	Fair
Sydney.....	72	48	N.W.	4	Fair
Sable Island.	66	58	N.W.	4	Fair
Halifax.....	76	50	N.W.	10	Cloudy
Yarmouth...	68	52	S.W.	4	Cloudy
St. John.....	72	54	Calm		Fair
Boston.....	74	60	S.E.	6	Rain
New York...	74	58	E.	12	Cloudy

Forenoon Bulletin From Toronto

Forecasts—Moderate variable winds, fair; Saturday, east and southeast winds, cool and becoming showery.

Synopsis—Weather is now disturbed over the Great Lakes and middle Atlantic coast. General outlook in the western provinces is less promising again. To banks and American ports, moderate variable winds; Saturday, east and south west winds with considerable fog.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

25 day August, 1911.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs, 72
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs, 54
Temperature at noon 63
Humidity at noon 73
Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 30.17 inches.
Wind at noon: Direction, S., velocity 8 miles per hour. Fair.
Same date last year: Highest temperature, 63; lowest 56. Thick fog all day.

D. L. HUTCHINSON,
Director

THE CASE OF BRITAIN AND GERMANY

The St. John Standard wants to know what the British Empire would say if the Emperor of Germany made remarks derogatory to the Empire.

The German Emperor and the German press have been saying things for years that roused the ire of Englishmen, but the Englishmen went right on increasing their trade with Germany. Britain's trade with Germany is greater than her trade with France, though the former is regarded as almost an enemy and the latter as a friend and ally.

But here is a question for the St. John Standard: What would an Englishman say if he were told that because he traded on profitable terms with Germany he was therefore disloyal to the Empire?

FRANCE TAKES UP HER POSITION

Decides on Maximum Terms She Will Offer Germany in Order to Settle The Trouble Over Morocco

Paris, Aug. 25—(Canadian Press)—At a cabinet council today the course of the French negotiations with Germany over the Moroccan dispute were unanimously approved as were the instructions to Jules Cambon, the French ambassador to Germany. These contained the maximum terms which France will offer to Germany in order to reach a settlement.

The council convened at 10 o'clock under the presidency of the premier, and immediately began a consideration of the instructions which had been submitted to President Fallieres at Rambouillet yesterday by the premier.

The ministers entered the cabinet room at the ministry of the interior in a spirit of much gravity, for it had been felt throughout the week, that the decision of the cabinet today would have a serious import for France.

The session of the council lasted for two and one half hours. A portion of the sitting was occupied with other matters relating to finance, the disappearance of "Mona Lisa," Leonardo De Vinci's masterpiece, from the Salon Carre of the Louvre, and the abandonment of the autumn manoeuvres in northern France, owing to fever among the troops. The cabinet adjourned to meet on August 31.

DEFENDS CLIFFORD

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 25—In a criticism of the action of the riflemen at the D. R. A. in voting to abolish the figure target and what is known as the Mortimer or Clifford position in shooting, the Ottawa Citizen comes out editorially in defence of the king's prize winner.

The Citizen declares that the Clifford or Mortimer position in shooting is one of the most valuable discoveries made from a military standpoint, in that it enables the soldier to take a more deadly aim and at the same time to expose himself as little as possible.

MAINE TOWN FIRE SWEPT

Bangor, Maine, Aug. 25—(Canadian Press)—The little town of Stetson, Maine, was swept by fire early today. The hotel, town hall, and stores were destroyed. There was no fire apparatus, but plenty of water was available, and the entire population turned out with buckets. The loss will not exceed $50,000.

AUTOMOBILISTS' RETRIBUTION

Paris, Aug 25—Some tourists in a motor-car this week meted out original punishment to a country yokel, who, without provocation, threw a stone at them on the road from Dijon to Chalon-sur-Saone and struck one of them in the chest.

After being caught the man was placed in the car and taken against his will a distance of twenty miles, where he was dropped, first having been relieved of every penny in his pockets. He was compelled to walk home. On arriving at Chalon the motorists sent back the money they had taken from the man.

WOMEN IN MOTOR CYCLE RACES

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 25—(Canadian Press)—At the Scarboro Beach athletic grounds last evening, three Toronto ladies participated in a motor cycle race. The two mile race was won by Dolly Golden, with Sylvia and Crissy Taylor, sisters, about a half lap behind.

Mel Brock came within one-fifth of a second of equalling the world's record of 1.13 1-5. Three watches agreed that his time was 1.13 2-5, which is three tenths of a second better than the old Canadian figure.

Opium Smuggling Alleged

Chicago, Aug. 25—(Canadian Press)—Wm. Harris and C. R. Cockbourne were arrested here yesterday charged with having smuggled more than $5,000 worth of opium in from Canada. Cockbourne is a commercial traveller.

Declare it Murder

Beamsville, Aug. 25—At the inquest into the death of Edna Comfort and her son, Roland, whose bodies were found in the reservoir the jury found murder by some one unknown.

YARMOUTH, N. S., HAS RACE RIOT

Young Whites of Town, Displeased With Some Negroes Actions, Rush All Off The Main Street

Yarmouth, N. S., Aug. 25—(Special) — A race riot occurred here on Wednesday night when young white men of the town cleared the main street of colored people. Two or three colored men were coming along the street about 10 o'clock intoxicated and impudent to a small company of white men standing by. The latter paid no attention until a young woman came by, when one of the negroes accosted her, at the same time drawing a revolver.

This aroused the white men, and they started to administer punishment to the negroes. The revolver was taken from the colored man and given to a policeman, then every negro seen in the street was rushed off by the whites. Some were taken to their homes while others were sent to the back streets. They were all told to keep off the streets in future.

IN THE COURTS

A. E. Hamilton Ltd. Case Before Judge McLeod—Two Matters Before Judge Forbes

Before Justice McLeod this morning in Chambers at the investigation of the creditors of the A. E. Hamilton Company, Limited, the examination of the directors of the company took place. It seems that last year Mr. Hamilton, the manager, informed the directors that he had some contracts in Campbellton and that the company would need $5,000 extra to complete them. The directors put a joint note for $5,000 in the Bank of British North America taking a mortgage on the company's property as security. The company having failed the directors hold the first claim against the property.

The other creditors contend that, as the mortgage was given in August 1910 and was not recorded until March 1911, they were prejudiced in not having notice and that the $5,000 should not go to the mortgagees but be divided equally among the creditors.

John O'Regan, a director, and A. E. Hamilton, were examined. The case is being continued this afternoon.

Judge Forbes in Chambers this morning delivered judgment in the case of Humphrey vs. Melick. He gave judgment for the plaintiff for $24.40 and costs.

In the case of Titus vs. Menzie the parties agreed to allow the matter to stand until after the election.

THE FORESTERS

Peterboro, Aug. 25—(Canadian Press)—At yesterday's session of the high court of the I. O. F., E. Ramsay, of Montreal, was elected high chief ranger. Mr. Fursey, of Halifax, was appointed eastern district chief ranger.

Sir Thomas to Pacific

Montreal, Aug. 25—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy left yesterday for his annual trip over the system to the Pacific.

Pope Steadily Improves

Rome, Aug. 25—The Pope continues to gain strength. He visits the Vatican gardens daily.

APPRAISERS AT WORK.

The appraisers appointed in connection with the adjustment of the Union street fire losses, are still at work, but it is expected they will have finished today.

ECHOES OF THE GREAT CAMPAIGN

FARMER HARTT'S TROUBLES.
(St. Andrew's Beacon.)

There are farms in this country which were sold by their original owners for no other reason than that they wished to get into the larger American market. By the way, Mr. Hartt is the owner of one such farm himself. If reciprocity carries, the value of his farm will be enhanced at least one-third, and if he thinks his loyalty will be able to stand up under the strain, he will be able to line his pockets with a fine lot of Yankee dollars out of his potato and turnip crop. When Farmer Hartt and Conservative Candidate Hartt come together and look the question squarely between the eyes they must conclude that it is a sheer party necessity which forces such a simple and manifestly beneficial trade proposition into the turbulent political field.

A PROFITABLE BARGAIN.
(From Speech by W. S. Loggie.)

Our surplus laths, shingles and fresh fish cannot be exported to Europe. They must go to the States. Remission of duties on such articles means so much gain to the Canadian producers.

There are two thousand fishermen along this Miramichi river who will all be benefitted. There is no syllable in the reciprocity pact that will harm any Canadian. As said the Montreal Star lately, the economic value of the pact is all in Canada's favor. It will bring greater prosperity. It is not a treaty but a bargain that we can at any time withdraw from.

A CONSERVATIVE WITNESS.

Charles E. King, the well-known fish dealer of Seal Cove, Grand Manan, and heretofore a strong Conservative, said at the Liberal convention in Westmorland that he was engaged in the smoked herring business and had factories at Port Elgin and Northport, while another factory is under construction at Tidnish. The duty on ordinary herring going into the United States is now three-quarters of a cent a pound, and on boneless 1 1-2c. a pound. The removal of this duty would mean that he could enlarge his business fifty to seventy-five per cent. He now paid out twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars, but under reciprocity the amount would in all likelihood total up to forty or fifty thousand dollars a year. If the agreement were ratified, as he was sure it would be, he intended to build large additions to his factories.

WHAT A MANUFACTURER SAID
(Hon. Sidney Fisher.)

In this connection it was a pleasure for me to see, at a convention that I attended recently in Ontario, a prominent manufacturer of agricultural implements nominate the Liberal candidate. He said: "I do so because I am a manufacturer of agricultural implements. The treaty reduces the duty on agricultural implements, but I propose to endorse it and support it nevertheless, because I think it is in the interests of Canada as a whole, and especially is it in the interests of the farmers who buy my implements. If they prosper by it, the better able will they be to pay my bills and the more prompt will they be in doing it."

APPEALS TO LOYALTY.
(A. R. MacMaster, K. C.)

"An attempt has been made to discredit reciprocity through an appeal to our loyalty, and I have seen in that yellowest of yellow journals, the Montreal Star, the statement that, if we do more trade with the states, in some mysterious way our loyalty will be affected. I am somewhat ashamed of this, because it seems to me to be the most nonsensical argument ever advanced to grown-up men outside the high surrounding walls of a lunatic asylum. God help the intellects that believe in that sort of argument, because they need not our contempt but our pity. The only annexation manifesto ever signed by this country was signed by Montreal Conservatives prior to 1854.

"You buy where you can get the best value, and sell where you can get the best price, and nothing any government can do will ever alter that principle. We are going to work out British principles in this country, whether we do more trade with the United States—and we do over fifty per cent. of our business with them today—or not. There are no better friends of George V. than those in the United States and all this annexation talk comes from pea-nut politicians in America and not the real leaders of the people."

CHILDREN CAUSE ARREST

See Old Man Attacked and Robbed in Toronto and They Notify Police

Toronto, Aug. 25—Blanche Edwards and L. J. Lauders, fifteen year old children, were last night responsible for the arrest of two men whom they saw assault and rob an aged man at the grange.

They saw the victim dragged through the grange entrance and relieved of his watch and money. Then they told a policeman. The men said they were Charles Martin aged 25 and Wm. Cassart, 50 years, both of Toronto.

WANTED AS MURDERER; KNOWN HERE

Shediac Police Chief Speaks of Bliss W. Darrah Whom Police of Massachusetts Seek on Charge of Slaying Wife

(Special to The Times)

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 25—Chief Rideout has received a circular from the Boston police giving a description of Bliss William Darrah, wanted for murder of his wife in Bedford, Mass., on Aug. 15. He is a rigger by occupation. William Gunn, chief of police of Shediac, when shown the circular recognized the accused as a man with whom he had gone to sea commencing in 1887. The first voyage was from St. John. Gunn says Darrah's first wife died in St. John about twelve years ago. He says Darrah was a native of Sackville in which place he resided twenty-five years ago.

J. L. Stewart, president of the Maritime Press Association, in the city yesterday afternoon, met representatives of the local newspapers. The annual meeting is to be held in Moncton either on October 10 and 11, or October 11 and 12. The programme will include some entertainment in Moncton. Manager Boggs of Oil Fields Ltd., invited the newspaper men to visit the oil fields, where it is understood an outdoor luncheon will be provided.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS HERE IN CONFERENCE

Summary of Matters Discussed at Opening Meeting With Chief Superintendent Carter

Many matters of interest and importance in connection with school work were discussed this morning at the conference held in the provincial government rooms in Church street by the school inspectors of the province and the chief superintendent, Dr. W. S. Carter. The session opened at 10 o'clock, Dr. Carter presiding, and adjournment was made at 1 o'clock until this afternoon.

The desirability of having school buildings and property properly insured, and of bringing this matter to the attention of school boards, came in for large share of attention. It is said that in country districts many school buildings have no insurance or not sufficient, although this cannot be said of the city school buildings.

The need of proper sanitary arrangements in public schools was also dealt with, and suggestions offered as regards the heating, ventilating, cleaning, and using of sanitary appliances.

The securing of more accurate school returns was also debated, showing how the teacher and the trustees could aid in making accurate statements in returns from school districts. There is said to be a large area of land in the province which is not taxed proportionately for school purposes, and the inspectors discussed this matter at some length. In unorganized and vacant school districts it is felt that there should be some understanding arrived at as regards the disposition of property taxable for schools.

Encouraging success has met the efforts of several school teachers and boards who have interested themselves in garden planting about the schools and this came in for consideration. The results of elementary agricultural instruction have been promising, but it is felt that this is a branch of study which might be improved upon. Garden planting by the scholars is looked upon as an excellent means of bringing this about.

Those present at this morning's meeting with the chief superintendent, were: Inspectors G. W. Merserean of Doaktown, R. P. Stevens of Sussex, A. O'Blenes of Moncton, J. F. Doucet of Bathurst, Wm. M. McLean of St. John, R. D. Hanson of Fredericton, F. B. Meagher of Woodstock, and C. D. Hebert of Shediac.

MANY OFF TONIGHT TO TORONTO AND THE WEST

With the departure of excursion parties on the C. P. R. and I. C. R. for the Toronto Exhibition and the arrival and departure of harvest excursion trains, the Union Station will be a busy place this evening. Both the C. P. R. and I. C. R. Montreal trains will go out in two sections to accommodate the excursionists to the Toronto fair. The train bearing farm laborers for the western grain fields, from points along the I. C. R. and Prince Edward Island, is expected to arrive between 6 and 7 o'clock. The outgoing C. P. R. train with the harvesters wil get away some time between 7 and 8 o'clock. Preparations have been made for keeping order aboard these trains and C. P. R. Detective Wood and more than a dozen special police will look after the big crowd. Many of the police are Montreal policemen who are on their holidays. It is expected there will be between 800 and 1,000 going out.

BURN NEGRO AT THE STAKE IN THE STATES

Three Thousand People Approve Punishment for Attack on Woman — Members of His Own Race Capture Him

(Canadian Press)

Purcell, Okla, Aug. 25—While 3,000 men, women and children shouted their approval, Peter Carter, a negro, who had been captured by members of his own race and identified as the man who attacked Mrs. Minnie Spraggins, wife of a farmer, was burned to death on a brush pile in the main street of Purcell yesterday afternoon.

Deputy Sheriff Hayes and Under Sheriff Farris, who attempted to rescue the negro from the crowd, were overpowered and locked in the church. Mrs. Spraggins was assaulted while alone in her home, and she will probably die. The negro set fire to the Spraggins' home. Mrs. Spraggins' husband saw the flames as he was working in the fields, and rushed to the house in time to rescue his wife. She said that Carter, who formerly worked on the Spraggins' farm, had attacked her.

Carter was found and taken into custody, but escaped, but, however, he was again captured.

Coatesville, Pa., Aug. 25—Oscar Lamping aged thirty years, whom District Attorney Gawthorp refers to as the ring leader of the mob which dragged Jack Walker from a hospital and burned him, has been arrested and is being held for murder. Lamping is a freight brakeman on the Philadelphia & Reading railway. He is married and lives in this city.

LAST MINUTE WORDS FROM MANY PLACES

New York, Aug. 25—(Canadian Press)—Mrs. Laura Skeel Pomeroy, sculptor and artist, is dead, in her 79th year. She was the widow of Walter H. Pomeroy, a Greek sculptor. She introduced art photography in this country.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 25—The girl brought to the Royal Victoria Hospital from the car barns, apparently under the influence of a drug, is Blanche David, eighteen years of age. She was not drugged, but is in a trance. She has been subject to them.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 24—A conference by the international presidents of five great labor organizations to consider a railroad strike which may involve employes throughout the Harriman systems is to be held here next Monday.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 25—Harry Kelly and Frank Jones, two young bandits who participated in a holdup on a street car are locked up pending the death of their victim, Constable Traynor. A bullet penetrated his bowels.

Cornwall, Ont., Aug. 25—Mabel Bailey, aged 25, of Mascena, was fatally burned by the explosion of a bottle of alcohol which she was holding while preparing supper on an alcohol stove.

Winnipeg Aug. 25—Sir Wm. MacKenzie and Sir Donald Mann conferred with the city council yesterday touching the purchase of the interests of the Electric Street Railway Company by the city for $24,000,000.

Mossel Bay, Union of South Africa, Aug. 25—The Anglo-American Oil Company's bark Lyndhurst, was destroyed by fire at sea. The crew were landed here.

Tokio, Aug. 25—Count Katsura has tendered his resignation as premier. He recommends Marquis Saionji as successor.

TWENTY THREE KILLED BY FALLING OF CHURCH

Posen, Prussia, Aug. 25—A newspaper here prints a report that twenty-three persons were crushed to death and fifty-nine injured by the falling of a church at Viniew, near Wongrowitz during a service.

Rosburg, Ore., Aug. 25—Five men were killed and five injured last night when a bridge over the Umpqua river fell into the river, sixty feet below.

RECIPROCITY WAVE SWEEPS KINGS-ALBERT

Rousing Meetings Held at Clifton And Gondola Point

A TELLING SPEECH

Dr. McAlister in Fine Form And Makes Strong Presentation of His Position Before the Electors —Battle of Progress Against Depression

(Special to The Times)

Sussex, N. B., Aug. 25—The hall at Gondola Point, where a Liberal rally was addressed by Dr. D. H. McAlister and A. B. Copp, M.P.P., last night was crowded with the intelligent electors of that vicinity. Dr. McAlister delivered a rousing campaign address and was cheered to the echo. He then crossed over to Clifton, where he addressed the farmers of that section so well known as one of the most progressive garden spots in New Brunswick. The Clifton meeting listened attentively to an able address on the issues in question during the early part of the evening until the arrival of the peoples' candidate who was accorded a hearty reception.

Reciprocity Wave

At Gondola Point the wave of reciprocity is fast sweeping everything before it. The opposition's defence is being shattered. The electors of Gondola Point are not going to the polls as Liberals against Conservatives, but as the apostles of progress against the men of blue ruin and depression.

Dr. McAlister was in fine campaign form at Clifton and his masterful grasp of this subject and the presentation of his appeal to the people of Kings-Albert gave a stimulus to the liberal workers in that district. He told of the breaches in the opposition's ranks across at Gondola Point. He said that, owing to conditions of health and financial loss due to neglecting his medical practice while attending to the public business of the electors of Kings-Albert, he had expressed sentiments of retiring from the political arena. The way he was misrepresented in this by the opposition, coupled with the fact that the Conservatives had so bitterly opposed reciprocity had awakened his determination to place himself once again at the disposal of the supporters of liberalism and reciprocity.

He was in Ottawa when the reciprocity proposal was made by the United States, and in view of the fact that Canada had been asking for an agreement of this kind with the United States, the foremost thought in the minds of the majority of members on both sides of the house was, it is too good to be true. The government's willingness to accept such an excellent chance to enhance the progress of Canada by giving her access to more extensive markets was looked upon with a jealous eye by the leaders of the opposition party.

Albert County Railway Matter

He was appealing to the Kings-Albert electors in support of a just and worthy cause and also on a record of achievement during his three years term in office of which he was not ashamed. He had been able to get many of the things asked for by his electors, and were it not that the opposition had so obstructed the passing of the reciprocity act, he would have been enabled to do much more before it would have been necessary to again appeal to the people.

He was glad to state that his promise to the people of Albert re better railway facilities would be fulfilled despite the op-

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Give the farmers, the lumbermen and fishermen their turn. Their prosperity means prosperity for the province.

What Sir Wilfrid Really Said

Conservatives are still trying to convince the people that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was opposed to reciprocity in 1907. They quote a portion of one paragraph of a speech he delivered in that year, but omit the rest. Here is the whole paragraph:—

"Between the preferential tariff and the general tariff we have now an intermediate tariff. The object of this intermediate tariff is to enter into negotiations with other communities to have trade arrangements with them. It has been supposed that this was to hit our American neighbors. WITH OUR AMERICAN NEIGHBORS WE SHOULD BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO TRADE ON A BETTER FOOTING THAN AT THE PRESENT TIME. We are next door neighbors, and in many things we can be their best market, as in many things they can be our best market. We should be glad to trade with them; but it never was intended, nor thought at the time, that this intermediate tariff could apply to the United States. There was at one time wanted reciprocity with them, but our efforts and our offers were negatived and put aside, and we have said good-bye to that trade, and we have put all our hopes upon the British trade now."

Even Mr. Borden has been guilty of quoting only a portion of Sir Wilfrid's remarks, omitting the really significant statement that "with our American neighbors we should be only too glad to trade on a better footing than at the present time."

Three years earlier, in 1894, Hon. George E. Foster said in his budget speech that "LEGISLATIVE RECIPROCITY, SO FAR AS TRADE IS CONCERNED, SHINES OUT FROM THE PROPOSITIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT PUT BEFORE THE HOUSE TO-DAY."

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

WILL WELCOME SIFTON.

Portraits of Mr. Sifton were distributed at Patriot's Hall last evening, and when the Exalted Patriot had wrapped himself in the flag he said:

"Patriots, we are to have Patriot Sifton with us on Tuesday evening."

"Is that the man who got rich plundering the public domain out west?" queried a back-bencher.

"As long as Mr. Sifton was a Liberal and a follower of Sir Wilfrid Laurier," said the Exalted Patriot, "he was a very bad man. Language failed when we attempted to describe the villian, and Mr. Ames had to get a magic lantern to use whenever he talked about Sifton's infamous land robberies. But some months ago Mr. Sifton became One of Us. He is now a Patriot, like ourselves."

"Will he sell some of his lands to help us out?" asked the back-bencher. "What county is he running in?"

"He is not a candidate," said the Exalted Patriot. "For some reason they don't want him in the west any more, and he is not even going there to speak. He is sacrificing himself on the political altar, like Premier Hazen, Sir James Whitney, Premier Roblin, Premier McBride and so many other noble Patriots who have resisted the temptation to become candidates. He can best serve the Empire by following their example."

"Will Ames come with him?" queried a Patriot.

"Mr. Ames," said the Exalted Patriot, "is now using his stereopticon to show portraits of Mr. Sifton as One of Us, but we will have Mr. Sifton in person."

"When are Bourassa and Monk coming?" demanded another Patriot.

"That," said the Exalted Patriot, "is not yet decided. But in the meantime do not forget that if we fail to defeat Laurier there will be no British Empire next year."