

BRITISH COMMENT ON THE REJECTION OF RECIPROCIITY

How Can Discontent of Western Farmer Aid Imperialism?

MORNING LEADER TAKES THIS VIEW

Every Newspaper Regrets Defeat of Laurier the Imperialist.

London, Sept. 22.—It would be a grave error not to look behind the party crisis and programmes for the real forces which defeated Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The railways and trusts are greater powers in Canadian politics than even in United States politics and ever since the tariff has been an issue in Canada the Conservative party has not gone into office unless backed by the railways and trusts. The influence of the C.P.R. in the West is enormous, and no rational mind will take the result as something of tragic moment in the history of the British Empire.

The loyalty of Canadians, Liberals and Conservatives, to the Empire, with its inevitable corollary, is not materially affected or deflected whether one party or the other is in office, nor does any question of trade affect the loyalty sentiment.

If the Liberal party fails to see this opportunity it may have to face not only the Conservatives, but the Labor party, though the latter is as yet only in its infancy.

One permanent, irretrievable result of the election is the retirement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He ranks head and shoulders above all the Colonial statesmen, and there is nobody in Canada to replace him. His absence from the Imperial councils will be a loss that cannot be filled.

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There is very little doubt that the main cause of the disaster has been the assumption that reciprocity with the United States has in some way involved disloyalty to the British connection. Canada appears, on the other hand, in a fit of honest but misguided enthusiasm to have found herself for the time being to pay still heavier toll to the rings of manufacturers and speculators, whose politics are politics of business, and whose political victory represents not a sacrifice on their part, but a guarantee for their continued immediate enjoyment of big dividends. Of all possible foundations upon which the unity of the Empire may be based, we can conceive of none less substantial than the discontent of the western farmer, who will shortly secure by redistribution a much more considerable voice in the affairs of the country, but is meanwhile forced to at once remain the victim of the protected interests and at the same time to be debarred from the benefits of the great external markets which nature has placed at his very doors.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

The Daily Telegraph: Now that the

THE EX-PREMIER



SIR WILFRID LAURIER. From Latest Photograph.

THE NEW PREMIER



ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN. From Latest Photograph.

It is Sir Wilfrid's old policy that the people of Canada have affirmed by rejecting with the utmost decision the points of the new.

Canadians have pronounced for Imperialism from end to end of the Dominion. She declares that she means to stand by the old path of safety, along which, in the short space of a few years she has risen to greatness and won a proud position among the nations. We do not, of course, doubt for an instant that Laurier's Imperialism is just as sincere and convinced as ever, but the present gains have been reaped for Imperialism greater benefits in the future.

Political instinct has combined with commercial long-sightedness to make Canada from the hazardous experiment, and she will remain as before, a good friend and neighbor to the United States, but will still look mainly east and west and will still develop a spirit of British Imperialism rather than along American lines. We shall be vastly surprised if that is not also the unanimous feeling in all the British dominions, and if that be so, how can it be seriously contended that Canada's place in the Empire is not involved in this question of reciprocity.

DAILY CHRONICLE.

Protection, national patriotism and Imperial sentiment made a powerful combination against the policy of reciprocity. It had powerful vested interests opposed to it. It lent itself readily to misrepresentation and the combination proved too powerful, even for Laurier to succeed against it at the first time of asking.

What the future will bring forth remains to be seen. The redistribution is nearly due, though the redistribution has a way of not answering electoral expectations, and the accession of voting strength to the West is likely to tell in favor of reciprocity. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has hinted that his retirement, as a consequence of his defeat, is probable, but like Gladstone, he will feel impelled to go on fighting for the sake of the cause.

THE STANDARD.

Whether the Dominion is destined, say fifty years hence, to be a great independent state, or one of the chief bulwarks of a world-wide British Empire is a problem dependent on many unknown factors, among them being the degree with which the Mother Country shows her stripes to deal with the great problem. In any event, it is better that a nation with Canada's prospects should work out her destiny without following tamely in the pattern of American culture and institutions. The determination of Canadians, their splendid confidence in their future, and their whole-hearted allegiance to Imperial ideals should have an inspiring effect upon Imperialists at home.

DAILY GRAPHIC.

The fall of the staunch and tried Imperialist Laurier should give pause. Owing to reciprocity, perhaps also to the renigant utterances of his at the Imperial conference he had become a suspect to the Conservatives, while his say bill had aroused the ire of Henri Bourassa and his ultra-Na-

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tionalists, whose Imperialism is a very mixed quality.

Finally, there was a fear lest reciprocity would endanger the political status quo in Canada, a fear to which a certain ill-judged 'blither dietician' of Taft, and a foolish extravagance of a section of the United States press have unfortunately given a touch of color, and substance. But, even here the decision is not wholly Imperialist, for while the 'status quo' of Borden also is chiefly the result of the connection of Bourassa it denotes above everything else autonomy and national unity in the identity of the Dominion. Happily Borden's majority is large enough to render him independent of Bourassa's equivocal support. Thus, at any rate, whatever were the motives which have carried it to power, it is whole and sound on an Imperialist issue.

"None the less," closes the Graphic, "we cannot but feel that this result, however gratifying, has been dearly purchased by the disappearance of Laurier from office. He sat, at any rate, have the satisfaction of knowing that in his London service he has written a brilliant chapter in the history of Canada and the Empire."

DAILY EXPRESS.

"All parties here offer admiring appreciation and homage to Sir Wilfrid Laurier as he lays down the burden of his office and all praise will go to Borden with sincere good wishes. The new premier will, we anticipate, follow in his successor's footsteps of encouraging a sane Imperialism and working for his country's greatness and power. Borden will undoubtedly make it more difficult to be so-called to meet Canadian suggestions with entire indifference. In good times and ill, Laurier has never wavered in his loyalty to the Empire and he can declare, 'I have proven faith in my heritage by more than word of mouth. I have been refused to be so-called and has rejected the scheme with magnificent emphasis.

"The price of our policy is the result of reciprocity. We millers were strong in favor of reciprocity in the hope that it would bring cheaper wheat. The triumph of reciprocity would probably have enabled us to manufacture at a price that would have given us a chance at the foreign markets. As it is, we have mighty little export business, though Chicago has some with its winter wheat. Some men were saying that reciprocity would not affect the price of wheat in the North-West.

THE TIMES.

"Canadians proved yesterday what they have often proved in the past—that the nation created by the British North American Act, which was meant to be what it for years desired and labored for and what its own historic history implies, Laurier may claim with as much justification as any other man a substantial body of opinion in every part of the country and among every class of the community. He has succeeded and must have endured much in making his power. Often in difficulties with sections of his own party to whose leadership he has succeeded, he has done almost complete disintegration and impotence, he has led it with an honesty of method, a grasp of principle and a consistent display of a lower ways of politics which proved his worth to his new place and name. Laurier will live long for the work which he has done in the same field. The journal of imperial preference he has hitherto stood consistently for the national development of his country and nothing but the belief that reciprocity would be dangerous to a national and Imperial ideal could weaken the faith of both races in Canada in his use of power."

MORNING POST.

The people of Canada have risen nobly to a great occasion. They have realized that the treachery of their politicians had placed them in the forefront of the battle for Imperial unity. No temptation was wanting to make them faithless to their trust. They were offered the greatest market in the world, and the Imperial Government, which should have guarded the cause of Imperial unity, sneered at their loyalty. Even right Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador to the United States, sided and abetted the Americanism rather than the British interests, and joined in an elaborate pantomime to throw ridicule on the faith of his constituents.

"Reciprocity has received so decisive a blow that it may be years before it will again raise its head. Laurier has again—and this time finally—learned the lesson which he had been taught in 1891, that the independence of Canada is a thing with which it is disastrous to meddle. It may be admitted that there is no serious danger ahead, but it is a danger which the frankness, boldness and tact which Borden has proved himself the pos-

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FOREIGNERS ARE LEAVING TRIPOLI

Every Available Boat is Crowded With Europeans—Italian Residents of the City Fear May Be Made Victims of Turkish Vengeance.

Tripoli, Sept. 26.—Foreigners alarmed at the situation growing out of the reported intention of Italy to occupy Tripoli in defiance of the Turkish government, an Arab revolt is feared. All foreigners who can are fleeing hastily. Every available boat leaving here is crowded with Europeans.

DAILY MAIL.

At the parting of the ways, Canada made the tactical choice and she has chosen aright, and the effect of her action will be felt far and wide. She has sent a message of hope and encouragement to the Imperialist party in this country and made the attitude of her people to the Motherland clear and unmistakable. Once and for all, she has proved that she has not weakened in her attachment.

Some Opinions From Britain.

London, Sept. 26.—The result of the Canadian election put great heart in the tariff reform movement here and has been received with the Unionists with great enthusiasm.

F. E. Smith, Opposition member of parliament for Liverpool, says Canada's example will be of immense encouragement to the tariff reformers here. DeBroke declares that he is delighted that Canada has not forgotten the old country.

NEW C.P.R. SHIP.

Montreal, Sept. 26.—There will be soon put into commission by the Canadian Pacific Railway in its Pacific Coast service a new steamship the Princess Alice. This will be the last addition to the company's British Columbia Coast service and it will probably be put in the Vancouver-Victoria-Seattle triangle run. The new boat which was built by Swan, Hunter and Wigman, Newcastle-on-Tyne, was launched on May 29th of this year. And it is now on its way to Vancouver around Cape Horn.

Killed by Peculiar Accident.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 26.—Fred Smith, colored, aged 11, was almost instantly killed and scores of persons were endangered by an unusual accident at the Windsor fair today. A balloon being inflated for an ascent by two female aeronauts broke away, carrying into the air a heavy 35 foot pole which fell from a considerable distance into a crowd composed largely of school children.

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DISTRICT

KREITH
Bulletin News Service
Polling in this district Thursday, voters interested in attending vote, Mr. A. Donnelly, of Misses from Edson, vote, G. H. Collins, ed as deputy returned, E. street, Miss J.P., was agent for yer. The result of follows: Keephills, Sept. 21.

BOWEN

Bulletin News Service
G. T. Mitchell, here been a visitor to Ca week.
T. Whitwell, after seven years, has returned for a length. A joint meeting of the local Liberal associations was held on Tuesday night. It was an interesting one.

The local branch of Temperance Reformers a meeting on Wednesday the plan of the coming November option was definitely decided.

At the last meeting of the Woodmen of America Hall, an interesting evening was spent. Messrs. Evans and ated under the command.

J. E. Axvic, who has of the McCormick and past six months, left Tuesday. Mr. Axvic den made many would be ever returned a hearty welcome. Dr. R. K. Lillie, of was a visitor in town. The doctor, who is a trip to the coast, still school friend, Mr. Citizens extend good Dr. A. E. Shore, who passed the College of Surgeons' examination early last August.

A congregational on Sunday 17th, at Church. The Rev. Mr. King was in the chair. sent Messrs. Dupucier, stand, Messrs. Taylor, etc. On the 18th, Keene and Mrs. Brew stand was elected a the motion by Mr. Taylor, the thanks of accorded Mr. and M their past services to Church. On the 19th, Keene and Mr. Dupucier decided that the vestment vest home be given to The meeting discussed the matter relative to of the stable was de Mrs. C. Thompson, visit of Red Lobbs, ing for Calgary from Thompson will go to and a business meeting. The election day quietly in this district was subdued through probably owing to the weather. The country had that a number not drive into town. hundred and forty-one hundred and twenty-five was one split party was written. "Socialist

R. W. Prowse, on mainstay, left on T take up his residence. R.C. Mr. Prowse has identified with the town as a school trustee and moral leader. He has ever taken interest. The Moral Reform Association, their greatest subscribers. The Methodist which he was a pillar supporter, will miss His departure from B regretted; but all join renewed health in his The funeral of the Foster, only daughter Foster of Lone Pine, Saturday. Prior to service was held in schoolhouse, which was sympathizing neighbors. The Rev. W. M. Ch Davies conducted the and Mrs. Davies sang pathos. At the close a large number of friends the cortege to the tery, where the burial road by the Rev. T. E. Bowen, Sept. 23.

ENTWIST

Election day at Edson and ran at night throughout the day, condition of the road with a large turnout hardly be expected. was expressed when the ed that but half the Mr. R. J. Moore was officer, John McDerm Henry Goodridge, Len and Mr. Hodgins, all. Conservative election proved to be When the polls closed thus: Frank Oliver 2, 1/2; Edvard Hamer, 2; at poll 139 (Swanson returning home from and killed a small boy, which dressed over 10 Mrs. James McDerm day from a visit to Edmonton.

W. C. McDonell, of & Co., leaves Edson for Pittsburg, in Jasper. Alfred Waite has returned after an extension.