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LONDON, FRIDAY, SEPT. 18.

SIR WILFRID AT STRATHROY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will speak to the electors of Middlesex and Lambton at Strathroy tomorrow.

It may be the last opportunity of the people of the district to see or hear the greatest living Canadian.

Sir Wilfrid enters on his 68th year in November. It is difficult to think of him as a veteran, as he was in the youth of middle age when he became the leader of the Liberal party, and he has remained young and fresh in spirit.

While he is reinforced in health and is mentally as vigorous as ever, and never more fit for work, he admits half-playfully and half-pathetically that he is becoming an old man, and is willing to sing his Nunc Dimittis after this election. Sir John Macdonald was in harness until 76 years of age, and if Sir Wilfrid has equal good fortune this should not be his last campaign. So long as his health and strength permit, the Liberals of Canada will demand that he lead them, and so long as he consents he will repeat the experience of Macdonald and Mowat by remaining at the head of affairs.

When Canadian history is written a generation hence, the regime of Laurier will be described as Canada's golden age. All the hopes of growth and progress which had been bitterly disappointed for a generation have been suddenly realized. There has been a wonderful burst of material development, and a thrill of new life from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It has been an epoch—the transition of Canada from an impoverished, inert, and almost despairing dependency to a vigorous young nation, conscious of its enormous latent strength and beginning to exercise it. Laurier is the fairy prince who awakened the sleeping beauty.

POSTAL REFORM UNDER LIBERAL RULE.

It is to the Liberal party that Canadians look for reform, and in no respect have their desires been met more than in the management of the postal service. Years ago, the Mackenzie Government introduced free delivery in cities, than which no Government act has been more popular, while the administration of the postal department by the present Government has been in striking contrast with that of its predecessors. Not only has the service been vastly improved during the past twelve years, but it has been made a paying one.

This is amply proven by a comparison of the official figures for the ten-year period of Conservative rule, 1887-1896, with the first ten years of Liberal administration. In the former period there was an aggregate deficit of \$7,147,595, while in the ten years, 1896 to 1906, there were deficits of \$1,910,905, and surpluses of \$2,207,771, or a net surplus of \$296,865. In each and every year of the Conservative period there were deficits, the smallest in any one year being that of 1888, \$566,999. The Liberals, on the other hand, had deficits only in the first five years, there being substantial surpluses in each of the last five. In 1906 the surplus was \$1,011,765, while in nine months of 1907 there was a further surplus of \$1,982,301.

It should be remembered that the Liberals made some radical changes, which materially affected the revenue. For a long time there had been a demand for a two-cent letter rate, which the United States had long enjoyed. In his last budget speech in 1896 Hon. George E. Foster, referring to this matter, said:

"There is now a deficit of somewhere near \$300,000 between the total receipts and the total expenditures of our postoffice service; and this, I fear, makes the time distant when, what otherwise might be fairly asked for, can be granted, that is, a reduction upon the rates of postage in this country."

The time was not so far distant as Mr. Foster supposed. The Liberals came into power shortly afterwards, and within two years had so reduced the annual deficit as to be able to lower the domestic and United States rate from three to two cents, and the rate to Great Britain from five to two cents. Naturally this reduction resulted in an increase in the deficit the following year, but in spite of the consequent loss of revenue the deficit was

only one-half what it had been in the last Conservative year, and by 1902 it was entirely wiped out, and there have been surpluses ever since. Seeing that over 300,000,000 letters were mailed in Canada in 1906, it will be seen that the difference of one cent per letter means a loss of \$3,000,000 in revenue, which money the people kept in their pockets. Not only that, but the increase in revenue has been greater under Liberal than Conservative administration. In the ten Conservative years the postal revenue increased by \$1,007,590, and the expenditure by \$333,898, while during the Liberal period the revenue increased by \$2,961,690 and the expenditure by \$1,168,772.

Besides converting a deficit of \$781,152 into a surplus of \$1,011,765, the Liberals during their term increased the number of postoffices from 9,103 to 11,141, and the number of postoffice savings banks from 755 to 1,011; doubled the number of money order offices, established postal note offices, and enormously increased the mileage of mail routes; completely reorganized the railway mail service, decentralized the dead letter office by establishing branch offices at central points throughout the Dominion, thereby reducing delays to a minimum; established immediate delivery stamps and an inter-imperial rate on newspapers, as well as letters; secured a large reduction in postage rates on British periodicals to Canada, established the expensive Yukon-Atlin service, increased the salaries of practically the whole staff of the service, cut the rate on drop-letters in half, and now propose to introduce free rural mail delivery.

Business methods have characterized the administration of the department ever since the Liberals came into power, and therein lies the secret of the splendid record it is able to show.

POPE'S BASE APPEAL.

A political picnic in honor of Rufus Pope, Conservative candidate in Compton, Que., was held on Saturday last, at which some outrageous things were said.

The speech delivered by Pope confirms the unfavorable estimates of his character which were formed by everyone who followed the insurance inquiry. The English and French reports of his address are not identical to the word, but they agree in substance. "I have still to learn," he said (vide La Patrie), "that a prime minister has the right to tread under foot the rights of minorities." The reference was to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's attitude on the school question in the western provinces.

Pope was followed by a prominent Montreal politician, Albon German. His speech is scantily reported in the French papers, but the Toronto World, Conservative, says that he turned to the clergy and French-Canadians present, and said: "How do you expect these English Protestants to do anything for you when you have absolutely failed to vote for men who sacrificed so much?" In a few words, the World's dispatch adds, he gave the clergy of Compton to understand that if they preferred Sir Wilfrid Laurier to their dearest rights as French-Canadians and Catholics they had no one to blame but themselves if these rights were trampled under foot.

The Ontario colleagues of these men sing a different tune. They accuse Laurier of sacrificing the rights of the majority at the dictation of the bishops. In both provinces his enemies attempt to trade on race and creed prejudice. This is the only particular upon which they are agreed.

It should now be the aim to make the Western University as satisfactory as the new board of governors.

The lumber business is guller than usual, but log-rolling on the London school board is being carried on as vigorously as ever.

No doubt the devil laughs when he sees so-called Christian nations piling up armaments on the plea of insuring peace.

Laurier told the people of the Niagara counties that a new Welland Canal would not be built until other great undertakings had been finished. He is above using it as an election card.

MILITARISTS WELCOME THE FLYING MACHINE FOR ITS POSSIBILITIES AS AN AID IN DESTROYING HUMAN LIFE.

The disaster at Fort Meyer yesterday is another proof that for a long time the destruction will be confined to those who navigate it.

ONE GOOD FEATURE.

(Louisville Courier-Journal.)
"I am not afraid. Each day I do something that makes me worry."
"That's bad."
"Well, each new worry makes me forget the worry of yesterday. It might be worse."

ACQUIRING POLISH.

(Exchange.)
Kate—Oh, Jack, Mr. Boor is sitting on that newly-varnished chair over there on the porch.
Jack—Well, let him sit there. He certainly needs a little polish.

NEW YORK'S HIGH PRESSURE SERVICE.

(Washington Post.)

One result of the installation of the high pressure water service in the greater business section of New York city is the withdrawal from that district of four of the most powerful steam fire engines and the substitution for them of four new hose tenders. This is one step in the disappearance of the fire steamer from the congested streets of a city.

It is given out in the news that the sub-

stitute tenders will carry forty lengths of fifty-foot hose. Under the driver's seat is a standpipe with three nozzles. Three lines of hose can be connected with this hydrant, coupling made with the high pressure mains, and three streams, much more powerful than those thrown by a fire engine, tumbled out.

The high pressure water main, with a mighty central pumping engine to do the work of batteries of the present type fire steamer is sure to be installed in big cities. By the promptness with which such service is installed may be measured the progressiveness of a city. The installation of the new system costs money and disturbs tradition, but the logic of the situation irresistibly demands the change. With it water may be turned on a fire quicker and in greater volume. Many fires that become costly conflagrations would be extinguished with trifling loss. Washington cannot have the new, effective and economical fire-fighting service too soon.

WILL HE DO IT?

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)
Premier Laurier's declaration that the Liberal party will look after its own back showing variation from the customary method of dealing with political wrong-doing in this country. It is the duty of each political party to look after its own back, and nothing can relieve it of such a responsibility. When the time comes for the parties to frankly recognize this duty, and to act honestly and earnestly in accordance with their recognition, the infection from black sheep will cease.

THE CANADIAN WAY.

(Winnipeg Tribune.)

Many a farmer will not get from \$5 to \$10 an acre out of his land this year. Farms paid for in a year's time by recent few countries can boast of that's Canada.

THE SPUR.

(Aldis Dunbar, in September Century.)

Because of your strong faith I kept the track.
Whose sharp-set stones my strength and I could not meet your eyes if I turned back.

So on I went.
The threatening crags that rose, my way to bar.

I conquered inch by crumbling inch—to see
The goal afar.

And though I struggle toward it through hard years,
Or flinch, or falter blindly, yet within
"You can't unawaken my spirit hears;
And I shall win."

WOMAN AND MORALS.

(Christian World.)

We hope that women who claim their rights will use them soberly and well. It is of ill omen that most of the novels that throw morality aside, waste and picture vicious living in seductive colors as an exercise of freedom and self-realization were written by women. Women are the natural custodians of a high moral standard, and if they lower the standard they will fall themselves and drag men down with them.

HOPE LEFT.

(Chicago Tribune.)

Prospective Best Man—Got the marriage license yet?
Prospective Bridegroom—No, I'm not going to get that until the last thing. She may go back on me.

SIR WILFRID AT NIAGARA.

(Hamilton Times.)

Sir Wilfrid was particularly happy in dealing with the tactics of the Opposition. Its prophetic of disaster to the country because of Liberal rule had all proven false; on almost every question of public policy its leaders had boxed the compass. In the various sections of the country they pipe a different tune. They make no serious attack upon the Liberal platform; they concentrate their efforts on slandering the Liberal statesmen whose success they can but envy. They accuse the Liberals of departing from their own policy, and they talk passionately of the sorrow with which old Liberals view the departure. As Sir Wilfrid points out, there is method in the Tory madness. They seek to create discontent. A disciple of Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, who might have denounced the men who would lead the nation to its grave, assailing him with every weapon of abuse and calumny, and now to forward a similar campaign against the Liberals of today, hold him up as a model of honesty, integrity and ability.

ENGLISH FOOD FADDISTS.

(British Medical Journal.)

In no country in the world, save perhaps in the United States, do we meet with so many persons who display idiosyncrasies in respect of food as in England. "It is an indictment which is to a great extent true," admitted the manager of a London hotel on Saturday.

"The Englishman likes and dislikes in the matter of certain dishes and wines can scarcely be described as 'fads.' They are solemn, deep-rooted convictions, from which no argument or entreaty would cause him to deviate one hair's breadth. 'Many American food faddists have been numbered among our guests this season. They have perhaps been more numerous than the English dietetic eccentrics. They, however, chop and change about in their prejudices against certain things. But the Englishman, once he is persuaded that a dish is lacking either in nutrition or digestibility, comes to regard it with an unshakable aversion. He will condemn it in vigorous terms at the dinner table, and he almost shudders when he sees it upon the plate of a fellow-diner."

"The Englishman of leisure, who may study diet almost as a hobby, and the successful business man or keen brain worker, who has dogmatic theories as to dishes which produce most energy with a minimum of digestive effort, are two notable types. One may declare that he will never eat an omelette under any inducement whatever. Another may order the water never, upon any occasion, to place salmon before him. Cheese and uncooked fruits have a great many inveterate enemies. Not a few English visitors hold up their hands in horror at the idea of putting an oil dressing upon a salad."

"The Englishman with a conviction of this sort will discuss his peculiarity with infinite gusto. I think he feels a glow of virtue every time he practices his abstinence."

DIVIDED COUNSELS.

(Halifax Chronicle.)

If Mr. Borden insists that "India rubber" affair known as the "Halifax platform" is the policy of the Opposition, somebody will have to send him a copy of Hon. John Haggart's speeches and a few extracts from the editorial pages of the Montreal Gazette and other Tory organs.

MERELY ACADEMIC.

(Toronto Star.)

The London Standard regrets that Leader Borden is in favor of government ownership. Not being on the spot, the London Standard can't see Leader Borden winking when he says it.



Charley Grapewin was the attraction at the Grand last night, and he was greeted by a capacity house. It is some time since Charley visited this city, and he was enthusiastically welcomed by many old friends last evening. The show, "The Awakening of Mr. Pipp," was a success, and the people were enthusiastic.

The story of the play is only an incident. It deals with the actions of a young man who had been without a drink for a year, but who imbibes not wisely but too often at the expiration of his term of abstinence. And what a time he had! The next morning he had one of those real pledge-producing heads, one of the kind that makes men for me. Well, Mr. Pipp had that brand, and after looking the situation over he determined to leave the liquor severely alone, and sings that very expressive song, "The Old Oaken Bucket."

This is but the skeleton of a plot, but it serves to provide a couple of hours of real, downright, wholesome fun. The play is built to show the high-compelling qualities of Charley Grapewin, and it is highly successful. He is a clever comedian, always funny, and always the right sort of fun. He has a number of new jokes they will not be repeated—hear Charley get them off, and laugh yourself.

The supporting company is good. There are many pretty girls, and they can sing, and they can dance. Sometimes the girls can do neither the one nor the other, but this is not the case. The good singing was not the least agreeable feature of the play. The chorus work was splendid.

Miss Anna Chance is the leading lady. She has been seen here before, and the good impression she made before was further enhanced by her good work of last evening. She sings well, possessing a contralto voice of good range, and expressive quality. Her "Longing" is the best piece of music in the show.

Miss Bessie Phillips sings well, and is a graceful dancer. In her song hit, "Take Me Back to Old Patee," she is assisted by the Bucking Bronchos, a quartette of young girls who are very graceful dancers.

Miss Phillips—or rather Mrs. Phillips—is well known in London, she having spent the summer with her husband at the Tecumseh House. Her work is especially praiseworthy, her dancing being remarkably dainty and neat. Her "Merry Widow Waltz" was very artistic and graceful.

The other roles are in capable hands, and altogether the show is as pleasing as any that has come through here in some time.

It will be repeated this evening, and on Saturday matinee and night. It should draw big houses.

Mr. Frank Alworth Webb, of London, appeared in a leading role, and won favor again with the audience. One of the features was a directorate gown, perhaps the first seen in London.

Capacity at Bennett's.

Capacity at every performance with the S. R. O. sign, is the big word at Bennett's Theatre this week. With a show that will long be remembered in London, the management of this popular playhouse have placed themselves on solid footing for the coming season, and if this class of entertainment continues there is no doubt but that this theatre will enjoy big houses each week.

Bennett's Vaudeville Theatre again played to standing room only last night. The bill is one of the best ever seen in London, and deserves to be patronized.

DIAMOND WEDDING OF A SARNIA COUPLE.

Unique Family Gathering—Thieves Loot a Dental Office.

Sarnia, Sept. 17.—The Northern Navigation Company's new boat is to be named "Harmonie" in honor of President Hammond.

At the instance of Detective Jarvis of Sarnia, Provincial Constable Budd arrested David Elliot, at Holland,

Man, on a charge of wife desertion. Elliot will be taken back to Sarnia.

The marriage of Ralph Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawrence, of this town, to Miss Henderson, daughter of Rev. Geo. W. Henderson, of Peterboro, was solemnized at Peterboro on Wednesday.

Loretta Brown, 12 years old, who was sent here some time ago and placed in a home by a Port Huron society, attempted suicide by drinking an ounce of carbolic acid, but was pumped out in time to save her life. "I am tired of being knocked around and want to die," said the girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Paul, Wellington street, who have lived in Lambton County for over fifty years, celebrated on Tuesday the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. The much esteemed couple met about fifty of their relatives at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. E. McDonald, South Brock street, the party including sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Paul were heartily congratulated, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Last night thieves forced an entrance to the dental offices of Dr. W. F. B. Colter on the east side of Front street, and stole a quantity of gold, worth \$40. They forced open the door at the head of the main stairway, which leads to the offices located in the building. The office of Dr. Donohue, of Port Huron, was also entered, presumably by the same parties, and a quantity of gold taken. The police are working on the case.

Miss Jessie Clark, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, of the second concession of Blandford, was married on Wednesday to George A. Lockhart, of this town. Rev. R. B. Cochrane officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Alberta Clark, Toronto. Mr. Malcolm Ishoter, of Sarnia, was best man. Mr. Lockhart is a popular G. T. R. engineer of this town, where the couple will make their home.

THE PACIFIC FLEET.

Albany, West Australia, Sept. 18.—The American battleship fleet, under the command of Admiral Sperry, left here at 5 p.m. today for Manila, 3,600 miles away, where it is due to arrive Oct. 2 or 3. The flagship Connecticut did not leave with the other vessels, but will depart at midnight, and overtake the rest of the fleet tomorrow. She will pass Rottnest Island, near Fremantle, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The fleet is making nine knots an hour.

The delay of one day here—the vessels were scheduled to leave Sept. 17, has been occasioned by the unavailability of the chartered colliers, a circumstance which in war time might be attended with most serious results.

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