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THIS IS TO BE A "FLAG ELECTION," IS IT? WELL---

Great Britain has just signed a sweeping arbitration treaty with the United States. In the event of European war the treaty with Japan would safeguard the Far East, and the treaty with the United States, which makes that country virtually an ally, would enable Great Britain to use all its fleet in European waters. Query: If His Majesty King George has signed an arbitration treaty with the United States, involving the highest questions of national honor and security, what sense is there in saying that it is disloyal or dangerous for Canada to make a tariff agreement with the United States? British cabinet ministers have pronounced in favor of reciprocity between Canada and the United States. Are the Conservatives more loyal than the King and his ministers?

PREDICTS LIBERAL GAINS IN QUEBEC

Premier Gouin Most Optimistic

Sir Lomer Declares That Laurier Will Sweep the Country

Sees No Hope of Nationalist-Tory Success in Quebec, But Rather They Will Lose Ground—Says Sir Wilfrid Has Renewed His Youth in Campaign.

Special to The Telegraph.

Montreal, Sept. 7—"Sir Wilfrid is a better man today than he ever has been," said Sir Lomer Gouin, the Quebec premier, who is in Montreal today. "He has the experience, he has the confidence of the people, and look how splendid he is physically.

Arriving at the Windsor Hotel from Quebec, Sir Lomer faced a busy morning when he motored down to his office in the court house annex. There was the usual long line of men waiting outside his door in the corridor, the usual expectancy was written large on the face of each one who hoped that his turn had arrived. Sir Lomer appeared to be in the best of health and spirits and expressed the opinion that the Liberal party would be returned by a large majority.

"Somebody has made the prediction that the Liberals would lose a few seats in Quebec," he said, "but I cannot see it. I can see instead where they will gain a few. The prospects all over are very bright. And why should they not be?" he asked. "Sir Wilfrid is a better man today than he ever has been. He has the experience, he has the confidence of the people and look how splendid he is physically. Moreover, he thinks of nothing but the welfare of his country. He never thinks of himself at all. He works unselfishly and he is like a young man in his capacity for work. Oh, yes, I think you will find that the people of his country will return him to power as long as his country has need of him."

ONTARIO TORY CANDIDATE SEES PARTY'S DEFEAT

Oliver Wilcox, in North Essex, Admits Laurier Will Win, But Asks for Sympathy Vote.

Canadian Press

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 7—A splendid political meeting was held at Belle River last night when voters from Belle River and the surrounding country crowded into the town hall to hear the issues of the day discussed by parliamentary candidates from the two parties.

Oliver Wilcox, the Conservative candidate in the north riding of Essex, created the sensation of the evening in his speech when he emphatically declared that the Liberal government would be returned to power and that reciprocity would come into force.

"What difference does it make?" he asked. "I believe that Laurier will carry the country and you will get reciprocity, and therefore a vote for me will not matter."

LABOR'S FRIEND

James Murdoch, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen of America, speaking of the Grand Trunk strike, says: "I want to say to you—and you cannot say it is biased by political opinion, for I have never voted for the present government—if it had not been for the magnanimous consideration and assistance given us by the Minister of Labor and by the dominion government, the organization of which I am a member would have been annihilated on the Grand Trunk Railway."

HAWKE SHOWS UP R. L. BORDEN

Moncton Editor Exposes His Unholy Alliance With Bourassa

CAPTURES AMHERST

Speaker Pictures Tory Leader Waving Old Flag in British Provinces, Whilst His Nationalist Ally is Waving the Tricolor in French Quebec.

Special to The Telegraph.

Amherst, N. S., Sept. 7—John T. Hawke, editor of the Moncton Transcript, addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting in the parish hall this evening in the interests of H. J. Logan's candidature. The chair was occupied by Dr. Boudreau, who made a few opening remarks, after which he called upon Mr. Hawke to address the audience.

Mr. Hawke was well received and directed his address principally to the English-born residents of Amherst, he being English-born himself. He exploded the annexation bogey of the Tories, and showed up the alliance between R. L. Borden and Henri Bourassa to the best advantage of any speaker that has appeared in Amherst on the platform during this campaign.

He pictured Bourassa using the conscription cry and down with a navy in Quebec, and Mr. Borden waving the old flag in the English provinces, and he demonstrated beyond question that both of them were linked together to defeat Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whom he painted in most eloquent terms as one of the truest patriots and greatest defenders of British institutions the empire could boast of.

Mr. Hawke's speech throughout was brimful of facts and was spoken of by many as the best and most clear-cut presentation of the political situation that has been delivered by a local speaker in Amherst since the campaign commenced. There was not a dull moment during the whole address and so worked up did the audience get at times and the applause so loud and continued that it was utterly impossible for Mr. Hawke to proceed.

Mr. Hawke's speech will make many votes for Logan.

STR. SINCENNES BURNED; COOK DIED IN FLAMES

Special to The Telegraph.

Coles Island, Sept. 8—A frightful tragedy ending in a fatality occurred at the wharf here this morning when the steamer Sincennes was burned to the water's edge and the cook, Samuel Branscombe, was burned to death.

This is the third steamer which has been burned at the Island wharf during the past six years, as the Crystal Stream and Aberdeen were destroyed under similar circumstances.

The fire started about 1 o'clock from an unknown source. At the time the crew consisting of twelve persons, were sleeping aboard the vessel, some of them in the hold and others in the saloons. The fire started near the saloon, and Mr. Branscombe was burned to death before he could be roused. The stewardess, Mrs. Crawford, was also burned about the face and hands.

FEAR FOR ONTARIO MISSIONARIES

London, Ont., Sept. 7—Great anxiety is felt here for the safety of Miss Ethel McPherson and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westaway, Methodist missionaries stationed at Chengtu, West China, where anti-foreign riots have broken out. All three are from this city, having been sent out last year, and are widely known in church circles.

MAZEPPA BORDEN

EN ROUTE TO THE POLITICAL WILDERNESS

—Toronto Globe.

LIBERAL CAMPAIGN GOING FINELY IN WESTMORLAND

Crowded and Enthusiastic Meetings Greet Hon. Mr. Emmerson and Other Speakers.

Special to The Telegraph.

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 7—There was another Liberal rally in the Moncton Liberal Club rooms this evening, and although the meeting was advertised very little, there was a large attendance of electors and much interest was manifested.

George R. Sangster, the veteran Liberal, occupied the chair. The first speaker was Melvin Steeves, who spoke vigorously in support of Hon. Mr. Emmerson, reviewing what he has accomplished for Moncton and the constituency generally, and his services in connection with the Intercolonial and the acquisition of branch lines.

Ald. H. C. Charters was the next speaker, and delivered a stirring address dealing comprehensively with reciprocity. Ald. Charters has been addressing several meetings in Westmorland since the campaign opened, and showed last evening he had a splendid grasp of the question. He contrasted the obstructive tactics of the opposition with the statesmanlike policy of the government and reviewed the record of the government.

Referring to the construction of the Transcontinental railway, he showed how it is widening out Canada and pointing out advantages it will accrue from the acceptance of reciprocity. In conclusion he dealt with the Tory disloyalty cry.

Rousing Liberal rallies were held yesterday at Barachois and Upper Aboushagan, Hon. Mr. Emmerson, Dr. Gaudet and Camille Gaudet being the speakers. The Barachois meeting was presided over by Placide Gallant, in the C. M. B. A. hall, in the afternoon, while the Upper Aboushagan meeting was held last evening, presided over by Thomas Coutreau. Many attended.

A fine Liberal meeting was held in Melrose on Tuesday evening. It was the first political meeting held there for years. It was held in the new Bradley hall. Patrick Reilly, father of Moncton's mayor, was in the chair. Hon. F. J. Sweeney, who was born and brought up at that place, was the first speaker. Hon. Mr. Emmerson was given a great welcome and paid a tribute to the public spirit and enterprise of the people of Melrose, who had erected the magnificent hall, also a tribute to the late Father Bradley, whose name the hall bears. Mr. Emmerson dealt with reciprocity, also with the I. C. R. branch line question, pointing out that it was only a question of a very short time when they would see the consummation of this project.

On the same evening a fine meeting was held at Dutton's Corner, addressed by Mr. Emmerson and A. B. Copp, M. P. P.

Moncton Man Held on Serious Charge.

Moncton, Sept. 7—(Special)—Lloyd Leaman was today sent up for trial on a charge of stealing money from McDonald, who was beaten and robbed here last Saturday. He will be tried on another charge also. Another arrest was made tonight in connection with the assault and robbery of McDonald.

GREAT LIBERAL RALLY AT UPHAM

Dr. McAlister and Mr. Rand Make Telling Addresses in Fowler's Native Place.

Special to The Telegraph.

Sussex, Sept. 7—The village of Upham, Geo. W. Fowler's native place, was the scene of a grand rally of the electors last night, when Dr. McAlister, the people's candidate, and Mr. Rand, of Moncton, addressed an enthusiastic meeting.

Mr. Rand said the Liberal party were not afraid to face the electors, as too many misrepresentations have been made by the Tory party who have soiled the good name of Conservativism. The Liberal party places its claims on the soundness of its policy, the truth of its assertions, facts and figures that cannot be overcome. When the Tory party wanted reciprocity in 1891 did the Liberal party call it disloyal? No.

What reason had they to call reciprocity disloyal now? None.

Mr. Rand pointed out the inconsistency of the Tory leaders. Mr. Sifton was not afraid of competition from the United States but was afraid of the competition of the colonies which Mr. Borden was so anxious to obtain.

Mr. Rand quoted from Mr. Borden's celebrated speech in St. John in which he said: "Even if the economic advantages of the agreement were three-fold I would be opposed to the pact." This alone would show Mr. Borden considered the welfare of the people of less importance than his desire to get into office. He had no doubt the people in this portion of Kings-Albert would vote on reciprocity as a matter of principle and the result would be a solid vote for Dr. McAlister on Sept. 21.

Dr. McAlister, speaking on the easy matter it was for the Tory party to twist around, said they had shown how it could be done when George E. Foster, who had laid the resolution for the Canadian navy before parliament, voted directly with R. L. Borden against it. They were doing the same thing with reciprocity. Fifteen years ago there were numbers of manufacturers in Canada. Today the trusts and combines had already swept out these little fellows, and by downing the reciprocity agreement they thought they could get the raw material cheaper and sell to the consumer at a higher figure than ever. (Cheers).

More than three-quarters of the lumber exports of Canada had gone to the United States, and this consisted mainly of boards, shingles, etc., that Great Britain would not buy. What would Canada do if a maximum tariff were placed on its products? Mr. Fowler had claimed the credit of getting the post office at Hillsboro. How did Mr. Fowler, who was not even an opposition member of parliament, expect the people to believe such a statement? (Laughter).

In concluding, Dr. McAlister assured those present he was doing all that was in his power to promote the prosperity of the people of Kings-Albert, and he would continue to fight for their interests. (Cheers).

FINE LIBERAL MEETINGS IN SUNBURY COUNTY

Col. McLean, Senator King and I. W. Carpenter Make Telling Speeches.

Special to The Telegraph.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 7—Encouraging reports about the Liberals campaign in Sunbury county and the success of the meetings in the parishes of Burton and Lincoln have been received here.

An enthusiastic meeting in which the feeling in favor of reciprocity was very evident was held at Burton court house tonight. Over 200 were present and the frequent applause indicated the promise of a large majority in the county of Sunbury for Colonel McLean.

The chairman, Harry Wood, introduced in a few well chosen words the speakers of the evening, Colonel McLean and Senator King. The Senator was greeted by some of his old companions in arms, who were pleased to hear again a business-like presentation of the issues of an election from their former leader. He scored many points in favor of reciprocity, indicating the advantages of the potato growers of the St. John Valley over those of Aroostook in the matter of water transportation.

Colonel McLean pointed out in a convincing way the course of the dominion government in holding out for a high standard on the St. John Valley Railroad and showed that the blame for the present delay lies with the provincial executive who asked for time to examine the financial position of the Gould company, consisting largely of boom men, was held.

Last night a meeting attended by over 300, consisting largely of boom men, was held at Lincoln. Geo. Kimball was chairman and itroduced the speakers, Col. McLean and Isaac Carpenter, ex-M. P. P. The speakers dealt with the effect of the repeal of the Pike law and showed that the adoption of the reciprocity agreement was the only thing which could ensure the sawing of American logs in New Brunswick.

Tomorrow night a meeting will be held at Armstrong's Corner with Senator King and Colonel McLean as speakers.

Dr. S. Alward and the candidate will speak at Fredericton Junction on Saturday night and a large crowd is expected.

TWO MEN KILLED FROM AMBUSH AND $3,000 STOLEN

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 7—Dead in their carriage, the bodies of Joseph S. Zepner and Samuel Hopkins, of Lansford, were found on the top of the mountain between Lansford and Nesquehoning this afternoon. Both had been shot, evidently from ambush, and instantly killed.

A box containing about $3,000 to pay about sixty hands employed at the Nesquehoning coal strippings, was gone, and thus far no witnesses have been found who can give any clue to help the police in their work.

HAD NO FAITH IN HAZEN GOVERNMENT

PUT COUNTRY BEFORE PARTY

Prominent North Shore Conservatives Are For Reciprocity

NOTABLE CONVERTS

James Robinson, ex-M. P., and Ernest Hutchinson, ex-M. P. P., and Mr. Munroe, a Millman, See Great Benefits in Trade Agreement.

Special to The Telegraph.

Chatham, N. B., Sept. 7—C. T. Munroe, who operates the shingle mill of the Turnbull Milling Company at Ferryville, is another Conservative strongly in favor of reciprocity.

"I can't understand why any one should oppose it," he said. "It appeals to me as a good common sense method of benefitting the country. It will certainly develop trade and commerce and everyone knows we want to do more business if we expect to advance and our country go ahead.

"Take my own industry, for instance, the shingle business. Under the present conditions it has been next to impossible to keep things going and if conditions don't improve some mills will have to close down. There is now a duty of fifty cents per one thousand on shingles going into the States and this handicap enables the western American shingle manufacturer to beat us out in our chief market, the New England states.

"The reduction of the duty to thirty cents will be a big benefit to the Canadian shingle business. There is no question about this. Reciprocity will keep our mill going and may enable a far larger business to be carried on. If reciprocity does not come the outlook is dark."

Mr. Munroe said that though he was not a strong party man he would have voted against the government but the benefit to be derived by the country from this measure forces him to vote for reciprocity. In local circles Mr. Munroe has always been known as a Conservative, but he puts country above party.

More Prominent Converts.

A Newcastle despatch to the St. John Globe last night says:

"The campaign in Northumberland for Mr. Loggie is proceeding vigorously. There are a great number of former Conservatives supporting the projected agreement. Both Ernest Hutchinson and James Robinson favor the agreement. Mr. Robinson formerly represented Northumberland, being the candidate of the Conservative party. He claims that the pact will prove of enormous benefit to Miramichi and to Canada generally. He characterizes the annexation cry as absurd, and strongly criticizes the leader of the Conservative party for resorting to such canvasses. Mr. Robinson predicts the return of Mr. Loggie with a substantial majority and also the return of the Liberal party to power. He says the agreement will particularly benefit the lumber business of the North Shore.

Mr. Hutchinson, who represented Northumberland as a Conservative member in the local legislature, is another strong advocate of reciprocity. He declares that the Miramichi will expand enormously under the proposed arrangement."

Van Horne's Opinion Made Public

Sir William's Reason for Delay in Grand Falls Power Project

Hon. Mr. Pugsley Tells Why the Big Project is Held Up, and Also Pays His Respects to the Lying Statements of the Standard — Michaud Will Sweep Victoria-Madawaska.

Special to The Telegraph.

Grand Falls, N. B., Sept. 7—Straight from the shoulder tonight, here in the locality most directly interested, came Hon. Dr. Pugsley's reply to the invitation of the St. John Standard to explain why Sir William Van Horne was not going ahead with the development of the Grand Falls water power.

In clear-cut sentences the minister told a cheering audience that Sir William had resigned the presidency of the company, giving as his reason that he had lost faith in the Hazen government and would have nothing to do with any project subject to provincial legislation.

This statement, as well as Dr. Pugsley's foreshadowing that if there was much longer delay the federal government would begin the construction of storage dams at Grand Falls, was received with marked applause by the enthusiastic audience which taxed the capacity of Martin's rink.

Dr. Pugsley also made the direct charge that Premier Hazen knew the Central Railway report was false and unfounded.

A Sweep for Michaud.

All indications point to a sweeping victory for the Liberal candidate here. Indeed the contest is so one-sided as to make it almost ludicrous. Bets are freely offered that the opposition candidate will not get more than thirty votes in the town of Grand Falls and will do little better in his home town of Edmundston.

There is no doubt that Mr. Michaud will come out of Madawaska with more than 1,000 majority, and he should nearly double that in Victoria.

The sentiment in favor of reciprocity is universal as it is in all border counties, and every candidate on this platform should receive a large majority of the votes cast in this campaign.

There has entered an element which is sure to have the effect of increasing the normal Liberal vote not only in this county but throughout the whole province as well. The youthful Mr. Cormier, who has been held up by the Standard as a winner, and for whom it is said Premier Hazen will speak next week, is a warm admirer of Henri Bourassa and it is openly charged appeals to his French audiences in Madawaska against the Laurier government's naval policy. "I am opposed to the navy," he is reported to have said in effect to a French audience, "because it will be used in the wars of the empire."

When Mr. Cormier comes to Victoria county, Nationalist that he is, he changes his tune and, according to the Standard, he said at Andover in effect: "I am opposed to reciprocity because it will hurt the empire."

This is the rash youth whom Mr. Hazen and the Standard support but who stands to lose his deposit.

When Hon. Dr. Pugsley arrived this

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DR. DANIEL CAUGHT RIDING BOTH HORSES

A few days ago during Dr. Daniel's visit to St. Martins, one of his supporters undertook to explain to a Fairfield farmer the injury and misery the reciprocity agreement would bring on the working men of the city of St. John. His arguments were that the American buyers would flock over to New Brunswick and buy up everything in sight that the farmers had to dispose of, and the laboring classes in the city of St. John would be left to face misery and destitution.

A few hours later in the day, Dr. Daniel, in making his canvass, called on the same farmer where he was at work in his field, and explained to him that this reciprocity agreement would be the ruin of the Fairfield farmer in particular, and the New Brunswick farmers in general. He said that the American farmers would flood the St. John and other markets with their farm products, and sell at such a cheap rate that it would be impossible to dispose of any farm produce.

So the poor farmer, according to Dr. Daniel, was liable to be brought to destitution and want with no market for anything he had to dispose of.

These arguments left the farmer in sad confusion, but as both Conservatives and Liberals had been in favor of reciprocity up to a few weeks ago without any thought of annexation, disloyalty, or being traitors to either Canada or the British Empire, he decided that both the Conservative candidate and his supporter had failed to represent either the farmer or working class fairly or impartially.