

GRITS LOSING GROUND FAST

Every Week Makes Conservative Prospects Look More Bright. York County Will Give Great Majority for Mr. Crocket. G. W. Fowler Safe in Kings-Albert -- Liberal Split in Restigouche Not Yet Healed.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, N. B., Aug. 27.—There's victory in the air at the Conservative committee rooms here. Every night brings its large crowd of interested workers, but on Saturday night many could not get seats or standing room. Saturday afternoon numbers came from outside sections, bringing the good news that reciprocity would be beaten by hundreds of votes in Kings-Albert. At the evening meetings the scenes enacted were more in the nature of a big political rally and speeches against the pact were greeted with rounds of applause. J. A. Murray, E. F. In a splendid speech, pointed out the weakness of the agreement and warned his hearers against it. Garfield White, manager of C. T. White and Son, East Apple River, and one of the best known young men in the Maritime Provinces, denounced reciprocity, restigouche and declared that it would work to the injury rather than the benefit of the lumber business. Mr. White was greeted with hearty applause as he made point after point against the proposal as a practical lumber operator. Dr. Burnett closed with a rattling speech in which he restated the Liberal argument that Canada would be benefited by reciprocity. He also claimed that to defeat it would be to give President Taft a slap in the face. Dr. Burnett wished he had two votes, so that he might administer a slap in the face to Taft and a good kick as well. Canada was good enough for him and it made his blood boil to see the Liberals crawling at the feet of President Taft. Referring to Dr. Pearson's remark that he (Pearson) was ashamed that he had been a Conservative, Dr. Burnett described that he was not half so much ashamed of the transaction as was the Conservative of Kings. Dr. Burnett was given rousing cheers as he sat down. W. Fowler is back from a tour of Albert, where he addressed meetings afternoon and evening, which were crowded with cheering heralds. Conservatives, Albert is solid against reciprocity and the Liberals are being routed. Like the power of Kings, they want none of it. Mr. Fowler is confining his campaign to a straight fight against reciprocity and is meeting with rousing reception.

In York County. Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Aug. 27.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster is to address a mass meeting in the Opera House here tomorrow evening, and his coming has aroused much interest in this city, where the former finance minister of Canada has many friends, having formerly represented York county in parliament. Tomorrow afternoon Mr. Foster will be speaking at Armstrong's Corner in the parish of Peterborough, Queens county, and he will arrive here in the evening by C. P. R. At the station he will be met by prominent members of the Conservative party and accompanied by one of the local boys will be escorted to the city Opera House where the meeting will open upon his arrival. On Tuesday Mr. Foster will proceed by auto to Chipman, Queens county, where he will address another meeting that evening. The Conservative party's campaign in York county is going along with that enthusiasm that means another victory for the party's standard bearer, O. S. Crocket by a fine majority. During the past week Mr. Crocket addressed five meetings in different sections of the county, and everywhere was received with great enthusiasm and promises of support. Many electors who formerly were working hard against him. The reciprocity pact has few friends in York county, and the farmers have not been slow to recognize that its adoption will not benefit them by any means, but that on the other hand they will be under many disadvantages if the pact is ratified and they lose their home market and all the protection they have enjoyed.

In Sunbury and Queens. On Saturday evening Mr. Crocket addressed a fine meeting at Burton court house, Sunbury Co. In the interests of the Conservative candidate in Sunbury and Queens, Luther B. Smith. There is a steadily growing feeling

HON. MR. HYMAN IS OPPOSED TO RECIPROCIDY

Another of Laurier's Former Ministers who Sees that it Will Injure Canada, and is Opposed to it.

Special to The Standard. London, Ont., Aug. 26.—Another of Laurier's former ministers is opposed to reciprocity. His action in opposing a public works, is opposed to reciprocity. In his private life Mr. Hyman is regarded as one of the most successful business men in the Province of Ontario. He owns several industries and is a large employer of labor. His open hostility to the agreement is causing consternation in the Liberal ranks. As former head of the greatest spending department in the Dominion, Mr. Hyman to realize the disastrous effect reciprocity will have on the development of east and west trade to further which millions have been spent in building wharves and elevators and in dredging operations throughout the country. His action in opposing a policy which he knows will be ruinous to the transportation routes and ports of Canada is in marked contrast to that of Mr. Pugsley who clings to Laurier and the pact regardless of the interests of his constituency. A vote for Pugsley and reciprocity is a vote against the future development and prosperity of St. John. On Sept. 23, the electors of this constituency will see to it that Pugsley and the pact are defeated together. Throughout that constituency that Col. McLean is already a defeated man. His pen and lemonade placards are proving a horrible frost and the colonel is one of those who now realizes that fact. On Friday his picnic at Oromocto was attended by large numbers of women and children, but very few electors were there. E. H. Allen, an employe on the Transcontinental Railway, was present and was one of the speakers, but disinterested people who were present stated that the picnic was a dismal failure. When the crowd had left the flats, where the picnic was held, the colonel had a talk with some of his managers, and one of those who was present at the time said that the gallant colonel seemed very downcast and disappointed. This week Mr. Smith will be in the thick of the fight again, having sufficiently recovered from his illness to be out campaigning once more, and he will be one of the speakers tomorrow night at the meeting at Hoyt Station, in his own parish, to be addressed by Premier Hazen and others. Preparations are being made for a great meeting on the afternoon of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4th at Gagetown when the speakers will include R. L. Borden, the honored leader of the Conservative party in Canada. Another Liberal Turns. Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., Aug. 27.—Hon. Donald Morrison, Conservative candidate for Northumberland, had a great meeting last night at Black River. The hall was filled with electors and great enthusiasm was evinced. Mr. Morrison gave a striking speech, scoring reciprocity and predicting the Conservative's fall on this policy. J. L. Stewart and P. J. McIntyre, who have been a strong worker among the Liberals up to this year, also spoke and denounced the pact. Mr. McIntyre states he is still a Liberal, but that reciprocity is bigger than party, and he could not follow Liberals on this matter. Mr. Morrison's reception in former Liberal hives shows that reciprocity is doomed to defeat in this constituency. A Split in Restigouche. Special to The Standard. Campbellton, N. B., Aug. 26.—In Saturday's Graphic, the local organ of the Grifts, appears the card of Wm. Murray, soliciting the support of the electors in the coming election. It is therefore now assured that Messrs. Field and Murray will contest the country, and Mr. Murray is talked of as a candidate in the interests of the independent Liberals. The breach among the government heifers is too serious to be bridged with the aid of the smooth and oily gentleman some-times called "sweet William." W. S. Montgomery is everywhere meeting with a warm reception. Many old time Liberals who cannot conscientiously support the reciprocity pact, are promising him active support. Prominent among these is John Culligan of Durham, a life-long Liberal, who is fighting tooth and nail for Mr. Montgomery. The Conservative committee rooms are in Marquis's new brick building with an efficient secretary in charge. Some Fine Meetings. Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Aug. 27.—George W. Fowler, the Conservative candidate in Kings-Albert, and W. B. Dickson, M.

Startling Report From Ottawa that Portland and Providence Will Get the Business.

If this Proves to be True St. John Will Not Benefit One Dollar's Worth -- Has Mr. Pugsley Been Betraying Us Again?

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 27.—That the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway traffic will not find its way down to New Brunswick and Canadian ocean ports is indicated in a statement given to your correspondent by a leading official of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission. As originally intended by the Grand Trunk, the traffic from the west is to come down to Ontario via North Bay AND OVER THE OLD GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM TO PORTLAND AND PROVIDENCE, P. I. The National Transcontinental line from Cochrane west is being rapidly pushed to completion and the line will probably be open by this time next year. Cochrane is the junction point of the N.T.P. and the Ontario government line to North Bay the Grand Trunk divisional point in Northern Ontario. The Grand Trunk is desirous of getting the Ontario government line, to reduce its grades and use it as a permanent link between the new and old system. If the Ontario government will not lease the line the Grand Trunk will enter an arrangement for running rights. The line of the N.T.P. from Cochrane east must await as far as through traffic is concerned for the Quebec bridge and for a lot of actual construction work, one contract being so far unattached.

A TRICK THAT IS COMING. It will be recalled that in the last general election the Liberal party was notably aided by the circulation of a pamphlet known as "The Duty of the Hour." This pamphlet originally was issued by persons entirely unconnected with the organization of the Conservative party, and not wholly in sympathy with the Liberal party. It was immediately attributed by the Liberals to the Conservative party; it was extensively circulated and it was presented as Conservative campaign literature. It contained expressions which gave offence to certain elements in the community, and the false assertion that it had been issued by the official Liberal organization was made. At Edmunston also there is trouble brewing for the Liberal candidate for Victoria-Madawaska. Two of the party who are assistants to the martyrdom, are up in arms because there has been no convention for the formal naming of a candidate. Mr. Michael, however, has decided to stand pat, and no convention will be called. At Carleton Place evening, the Conservatives held a rally, and the attendance was large. The addresses by S. Raymond, W. J. Wooten and W. A. Hanson were received with enthusiasm. Following the meeting all those present at the rally, including a large number of Liberals, pledged themselves to support the Conservative candidate. The indications for a victory for the Conservative candidate in this section are bright, and as the campaign progresses the popularity of the candidate increases.

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From the United States standpoint reciprocity is a good deal more than a simple departure in trade.

INDICATIONS THAT G. T. P. TRAFFIC WILL NOT COME TO THE PORT OF ST. JOHN

THE TELEGRAPH LIAR AGAIN

The Telegraph on Saturday announced in glaring headlines, "Tories abandon twenty-one Quebec seats"—"Will nominate in forty-five of sixty seats." There are only 45 constituencies in Quebec, but that is a detail. The story was a wilful and deliberate misinterpretation of a Canadian Press despatch. "Two more Conservative nominations were recorded today, leaving only three out of forty-five to be made." This was dated Montreal and said plainly that the Tories had only 45 seats in Quebec, and with the evident intention of bolstering up Laurier's waning cause in Quebec, attempted to make it appear that the Conservatives had no candidates in the remaining twenty constituencies. An inquiry by The Standard brought the following despatch from The Canadian Press: "Montreal, Que., Aug. 26.—Despatch Friday night said that two more Conservative nominations had been made, leaving only three out of forty-five to be made. This was dated Montreal and said plainly that the Tories had only 45 seats in Quebec, and with the evident intention of bolstering up Laurier's waning cause in Quebec, attempted to make it appear that the Conservatives had no candidates in the remaining twenty constituencies. The Conservatives will have candidates in every constituency in the province. Laurier's hold on Quebec is broken. Reports state that the Opposition to the government and reciprocity is growing stronger every day. False and misleading statements by Mr. Pugsley's organs will not better the situation. They cannot suppress the facts.

MR. MICHAUD FINDS HE IS IN HARD WAY. Campaign in Kent County is Turning Out Well for Conservative Candidate -- Big Majority Expected. Special to The Standard. Buctouche, Aug. 23.—Mr. Robidoux is everywhere meeting with the greatest encouragement and enthusiastic meetings greet him on all sides. There was a joint meeting at Dollard Settlement on the evening of the 21st. Messrs. Robidoux and Leger, the Liberal candidate addressed the large gathering. Antoine St. Cormier, the chairman of the meeting, and a prominent Liberal, has left his party and joined the side of righteousness, as have many other Liberals in that section. A strong Liberal a commercial man, who happened to be present told your correspondent that the meeting at Dollard was overwhelmingly in favor of Robidoux. Mr. Robidoux held another meeting at St. Damien, and reports from that section are of the rosiest. It is rumored in the southern end of Kent county that Leger is to resign in favor of LeBlanc. There appears to be some foundation for this rumor as they are conducting a joint canvass. There is no doubt, and so admitted by many prominent and influential Liberals that there has been a big turnover in favor of R. L. Borden, and Kent county can be reckoned in the Conservative column on the 21st. "The Review" to the contrary notwithstanding.

Taking into consideration the past record of the Telegraph and Times, can any reasonably intelligent voter believe that their zeal in boosting the Reciprocity pact is inspired by honest belief that it is in the best interests of Canada? Is it not more reasonable to suppose that the fear of loss of profit to the dredging gruffers which will surely ensue if the government is defeated has more to do with their present attitude?

SUCCESSFUL MEETING HELD AT ANAGANCE

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Remove the wall and Uncle Sam will remove the Canadian flag.

A DISTORTED VISION

At the opening of his campaign in Simcoe, Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared he had "visions of a more far-reaching agreement which will bring even more closely together the great civilized nations of the continent." We have no visions of that sort in St. John. Our prosperity and development depend on Empire trade and British Connection. Contentment has no place among the aspirations of this Loyalist city.

NEW MEN FOR BISLEY TEAM

FATAL PANIC IN A THEATRE, MANY KILLED

Fire Scare in Canonsburg, Pa. Opera House, Started Audience in Mad Rush for Door -- Twenty-Six Dead. Canonsburg, Pa., Aug. 27.—Twenty-six dead from suffocation, twenty-five seriously injured, thirty suffering from minor hurts. That is the human toll exacted last night during an excruciating panic at a moving picture show in the Canonsburg Opera House. The moving picture machine developed a slight defect. There occurred a noise like a "click" a small boy shouted, "Fire," at the same time starting for the narrow exit. Bolus Dubrowski, a foreign miser, a giant in proportions, jumped from his seat and ran wildly for the same exit. In a moment there was a fighting, struggling mass after him. At the head of a narrow stairway which led to the street, the foreigner tripped. As he rolled down the stairs he swept others from their feet who were awaiting their turn to enter the theatre, and soon there was an indescribable pile of humanity at the foot of the stairs battling like mad. The revised list of the dead: Murray Hill, aged 13 years. Frances Bird, 13 years. Marcella Robinson, 17 years old. Arthur McPeak, aged 20 years. Mrs. Callie Young, aged 29 years. Sydney Rittiger, aged 30 years. Lulu Fisher, 38 years old. Paul Mastic, 10 years old. Mrs. Fred Marshall, 25 years old. Mrs. Blanche E. Kelly and baby, about 1 year old. Carl Lane, aged 3 years. Margaret Lane, aged 4 months. Walter Neish, aged 14 years. Geo. Kay, aged 13 years. Mrs. Chas. Miller. Bolus Dubrowski. Geo. O. Cole, 42 years old. Elizabeth Gleditsch, 6 years old. Elizabeth Green, 4 years old. Elizabeth Gibbs, 6 years old. Stella Richards, aged 13. Ludwig Nuy, 23 years. Harold Shaner, 13 years old. Mrs. Mary Ann Laird Campbell, aged 45 years and her 8 year old daughter. It was all over within a short time. Volunteer firemen, several policemen and a few level headed citizens untangled the human mass. The uninjured and those slightly injured were pulled from the top of the pile. As they gained the street they ran screaming like maniacs to all parts of the small town. Next came the more seriously hurt, and these were sent home on taken to nearby houses while a few were rushed unconscious to hospitals. When the rescuers came to the first row of those who had reached the fatal stairway, one after another the victims, many of them women and small children, were carried to the sidewalk. All had been suffocated and the faces showed terror.

Captain Crowe Wins Governor General's Prize in D. R. A. Meet. New Men Win the coveted Twenty Places on Next Year's Bisley Team. Lieut. Maggs Included in the Lucky Number--He Is Only New Brunswick Man to Go.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—Capt. C. R. Crowe, of Guelph won the governor general's prize, the blue ribbon event in Canadian rifle shooting, when he defeated Sergt. J. Battershill, of the 8th Regiment, Winnipeg, in the shoot-off at the Dominion Rifle Association matches Saturday. Capt. Crowe had been a leader in the grand aggregate up to about the last day when he dropped somewhat and Sergt. Battershill nosed out ahead winning the first prize in the grand aggregate. In the first stage of the governor general's it was Capt. Crowe's turn and he pulled out a winner of this stage with a score of 95 while Sergt. Battershill was 3 points behind. At the end of the two stage match they were neck and neck, each with 191. In the final shoot-off they put on a bulls-eye on the first shot. Capt. Crowe then dropped to an inner, counting 4 points and his opponent went one worse, getting a magpie. Both corrected their sights with coolness and both put on bulls for the third shot. Again both put on bulls for the fourth shot, but on the fifth Capt. Crowe dropped to an inner. A bull was hitter than a good team, but it was not forthcoming, and he dropped again to a magpie. Thus Capt. Crowe's score for the shoot was 23 and Sergt. Battershill, 21. It is indeed unusual that of this year's Bisley team, only two, Mr. Mortimer, will be on next year's and in this Bisley team of 20, there are only 7 who have ever been on a Bisley team before at any time. While as a rule they are inexperienced men as far as Bisley is concerned, they are old rifle shooters at the D. R. A., and will no doubt make a good team. Sergt. Russell, of the C. C. F. G., is of the team for the first time in several years. He could not have come, however, had he won a place on the team. This year's Bisley on the understanding with his employer that even if he won a place on the team he would not go. There is a bare chance that Corp. S. C. McConnell, of the 3rd Regiment, might go. He is only man and often much lower than that get on the team. Pte. W. J. Cliff, winner of the King's Prize this year, did not make the team. The D. R. A. matches are not close until Saturday night, so that many of the corps did not get away until today. It will be the greatest Bisley today to get all the scores out. The score of 191 which won the Governor General's prize was low to what won the blue ribbon match in other words. Mortimer once won the match with 197, while Corporal D. McInnes, of Calgary, won it two years ago with 193. Last year's score was 183. The summary--The Bisley aggregate decides the members of the 1912 Bisley team from Canada, composed of the first twenty. It is the aggregate of the grand aggregate plus the score of the 500 and 900 yards of the Governor General's match.

The Bisley Team. First--Lt. J. A. Steele, 1, C. A. S. C. 423. Second--Sgt. J. W. Battershill, 9th 411. Third--Corp. A. Rutherford, Q.O.R. 442. Fourth--Capt. C. R. Crowe, 30th 442. Fifth--Pte. H. Auld, 90th 429. Sixth--Capt. P. Mitchell, R. I. 427. Seventh--Lt. A. M. Blackburn, 9th 434. Eighth--Capt. J. S. Clatter, 67th 434. D. C. O. Rank, H. Armstrong, 424. Ninth--Pte. A. B. Mitchell, 48th 434. Tenth--Sgt. E. Melnes, P. E. I. L. H. 434. Eleventh--Sgt. J. H. Armstrong, 6th 434. Twelfth--Corp. J. H. Reegan, 101st 431. Thirteenth--C. Sgt. J. Stoddart, 91 431. Fourteenth--Pte. E. Stewart, 48th 431. Fifteenth--Sgt. Major W. Dymond, R. C. R. 430. Sixteenth--Sgt. J. H. Armstrong, 430. Seventeenth--Sgt. M. E. MacPherson, 70th 427. Eighteenth--Sgt. W. Davidson, 90th 427. Nineteenth--Sgt. Marsden, 30th 426. Twentieth--Corp. G. Coppin, 2nd 426. Twenty-first--Sgt. F. L. Snook, 70th 426. Twenty-second--Corp. S. G. McConnell, 43rd 425. Twenty-third--Rev. Simpson, 102nd 425. Twenty-fourth--Corp. J. Trainor, R.R. 425.

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