

GREAT TRIBUTE TO B. C.'S MINISTER

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Honors at the hands of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He had served his country and party well, and in a broader sphere would desire to strengthen Liberalism in this province.

As regards the provincial legislature the speaker said he was proud of his membership in it as any of the "solid seven" were of their federal honors.

The British Columbia legislature compared favorably with those of the other provinces, and he claimed that local legislation was more important to the people of this province than was the Dominion parliament, because it touched the pockets of the people, the vital interests of the country, and the status of the workmen.

That brought him to the conclusion that there should be the right form of government across James Bay. The Liberal party in the legislature had a leader with whom the speaker was proud to be associated.

Mr. McInnes spoke glowingly of Mr. Macdonald's many fine qualities, both personal and political, and that the province would be returned to power the provinces would have a safe and progressive Premier. (Applause.)

F. J. DEANE. Mr. Race, editor of the Rossland Miner, followed with a few remarks, after which Mr. Macdonald and his colleagues retiring out that the way in which they could most emphatically crown Senator Templeman's efforts was by backing up a policy that was in line with the great Liberal party.

REV. DR. ROWE. Rev. Dr. Rowe then proposed "The Land We Live In" in one of the best efforts heard at a banquet in this city for many a day. Rev. Mr. Rowe said in part:

"It will not require any words of mine to insure your hearty reception of the best I am about to propose. As intelligent Canadians and as loyal to the land we live in, (Cheers.)

"As political disciples of the great Canadian who is today the trusted chief adviser of His Majesty's representative in this country, we cannot but have faith in Canada. Upon the shoulders of that distinguished gentleman has fallen the mantle of our early political seers—the men who appreciated, as none others of their day did, the vast possibilities of this great land, and believed fully in the abilities of the Canadian people to make the most of them. As those great men, standing amid the feeble beginnings of our life, saw, with prophetic eyes, a land stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, so Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in this day of the realization of the earlier prophets' dream, sees that ocean linking line of settlement widen out to the farthest reaches of the North, redeem an empire of land packed with treasure, able to sustain and enrich a population of ten times the number of the people who today have homes within the borders of this Dominion.

"If, then, we believe in Laurier and Liberalism, we must subscribe to the doctrine of a 'Larger Canada'—and with eyes freed from blink and mist, our hearts delivered from doubt and fear, go forward to the realization of that inspiring ideal.

"Once Canada was, to the outside world, but a more or less interesting experiment. Her soil, her climate, her resources, her geographical position, her political constitution and relations, were all the subject of doubt and misgiving. Even we, the native born, were not sure of her future. She seemed so far north, so distant from the centre; her land so rough, her climate so severe, her population so small, so scattered and so divided in sentiment; there seemed so much to deny us confidence, so little to give us a large, bold, and unflinching almost accepted the world's estimate did not fully believe in either our country or ourselves—and in every way exposed our lack of faith. Our tone was half apologetic and wholly unconvincing, and our speech lacked the words that, at once, express and inspire natural pride and confidence.

"Happily all that is passed. Now we believe—we may know. We know, as all the world should also soon know, that here there is nothing lacking of all the material essentials for a prosperous nation—and we know, too, that our people will utilize those resources to build up a nation—not only prosperous, but having every other feature of greatness.

"We know that out of our fertile acres alone could be carved the combined territorial areas of more than half the nations of Europe; that on our grazing lands there is room and food for flocks and herds large enough to supply the meat markets of a continent; that our timber resources, our iron deposits, and our coal measures would sustain industrial enterprises employing tens of thousands of men and furnishing the manufactured products necessary for millions of people, and in a hundred years would not be exhausted; that besides our wheat lands and our great grazing plains we have in our Western valleys keen rivals of the fruitlands of the sunny south; that in our mineral belts are to be found not alone the elements of material manufacture, but also the metals of the higher industries and of the arts; and gold, itself, that indispensable implement of commerce—the key by which alone the doors that

guard these other treasures can be opened. In short we know that the Capacity and Importance of Canada are in direct ratio with its size. Long ago our geographers taught us that if it was one of the biggest countries of the earth—now we know that it is as rich as it is big—and we know, too, that its people, by the blessings of God, to make it also as conspicuous and as powerful as it is big, and as righteous as it is rich.

"And, sir, our political future is as well assured as is our commercial prosperity. In the early days there were those who doubted the practicability of Confederation, and since its accomplishment some prophets of evil have seen the dismemberment of the Federal body—but history has not seen it—and will not. There, of course, are some matters yet to be settled, some things to adjust, some conditions to modify. The fathers of Confederation were big men—but still were men and subject to human limitations. They would have needed to have framed a constitution suited to the conditions then existing and yet capable of automatically adjusting itself to meet the new requirements created by the progress of the country. Their legislation was intended to combine for their mutual advantage a few small communities, situated within a comparatively small area, and with closely allied interests, and marked by little variety of material conditions and needs; but the parliament which that legislation is now required to administer the affairs of half a continent, and it would not be surprising to find it necessary to amend the original compact, and to readjust the relations of the parties to it, in order to promote the interests they have in common and at the same time to safeguard such interests, and to provide for such needs as may be peculiar to each of those widely separated and differently conditioned states.

"And if the fathers failed to take account of all the possibilities of the future and provide for them, surely we, their sons, living in the presence of the new conditions can repair the oversight. To do so requires only the exercise of good common sense under the direction of an ardent loyalty to the ideal of a United Canada, and these, I believe, we possess.

"There are but few separatists among us. Once in a great while, a voice as from the graveyard, suggests a retreat—the abandonment of the national ideal—disintegration—and chaos. But the British people have not been remarkable for retreating, and the Canadian branch of that great family does not intend to alter the record of the race in that respect.

"And we have little to fear. There is little tolerance for the sectionalist in Canada to-day. The halcyon days of the racial and creedal agitator are gone. The British repeated election of a French-Canadian Roman Catholic to the highest place in the gift of the people, by a majority of the votes of English speaking 'Protestant' Canadians, is notice to all bigots that Canada has no place for them and no use for their damnable doctrines of discord. And, moreover, unless all signs fail, the class demagogue, with his horrible gospel of hate will, in Canada, soon follow his fellow iconoclasts into the lumber room, where society flings his discarded and dangerous playthings.

"There is, therefore, a present and a future certainty of a United Canada, and a larger Canada—and not less certain is it that now and always Canada will be British.

"There have been many guesses as to our future political relations; but there has been

But One Tendency and Direction in our progress. Confederation was regarded as an attempt to separation and ultimate annexation by the United States and Confederation ensued. The sentiment that prompted Confederation has survived through the years, and today manifests itself in the desire for still closer relations with the Motherland and the other nations of the Empire. The consciousness of growing strength has bred no desire for separation, but with it has come to us a sense of increased responsibility for the integrity and the prosperity of the Empire. With stately steps our country has moved in an orderly and impressive progression—from the provincial idea to the national idea and from the national idea to the imperial idea—and to-day she thinks and plans and acts imperially—a conscious vital and inseparable portion of the most glorious empire of all time. Her bounds are the bounds of the empire, the fate of the empire will be her fate; with it she will stand and if it ever fall, which God forbid, she will be found in the ruins, for the life of the Empire is her life and her life is the Empire's life—they are one and indivisible—there is but one heart, and with its throbs keep time the pulse beats in every wide flung arm of that imperial body.

"Canada no longer an experiment—the experimental stage has been passed. Curiosity has given place to wonder and admiration. Doubt has been replaced by certainty, the questionable possibility has become fact, one of the most significant facts in the world-life to-day—a united, a growing, an Imperial British Canada—and so of our land we sing: A land of labor, but of sure reward; A land of men to rule with sober law; A land of life's best treasures, plenty, peace, Content, and freedom both to speak and do; A land of men to rule with sober law; This Christian Commonwealth, God's gift; To keep, To keep, To keep, This part of Britain's Empire next the heart.

"Gentlemen, 'The Land We Live In.' This toast was drunk enthusiastically, Mr. Parfitt singing 'The Maple Leaf,' in which the gathering heartily joined.

In responding to the toast, T. S. Baxter, of Vancouver, in a few graceful words conveyed the 'Terminal City' greetings. Mr. Baxter's references to a desire for Victoria and Vancouver to pull together for the common good elicited warm approval.

J. D. McInnes, M. P. P., proposed 'Commerce and Manufactures' in a short speech, and Messrs. S. J. Potts, John Flery and W. G. Cameron, M. P. P., responded. Unfortunately pressure on space prevents extended reports of their remarks.

The toast to 'The Press' was wittily proposed by A. F. Welby Solomon, and John Nelson, manager of the Times, briefly responded. The National Anthem terminated the function.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

KAMLOOPS. At the annual meeting of the Kamloops District Rifle Association, the report of the secretary-treasurer was read and adopted. The report showed that the association has a membership of 44 in good standing. The association has marked improvement in the scores made each year since the institution of the association, those of the past season being 500 points better than the scores made last year. The receipts from all sources for the year amounted to \$210.10, all of which was expended in prizes, running expenses, etc., and the outstanding accounts amount to \$27.

NEW WESTMINSTER. The evidence in the police investigation was a mere repetition of the evidence produced in the inquest on Geo. Gilley. R. L. Reid appeared for Walter Gilley and Joseph Martin appeared for the chief of police. The commissioners have reserved their decision. The funeral of the late Dr. William Kent, who passed away on Monday last, was held Wednesday at the residence, Agnes street, to the Odd Fellows' cemetery, Sapperton. At the request of the deceased no service was used, the casket being carried by Rev. A. J. Brace, Rev. J. S. Henderson and the Loyal Orange Lodge had charge of the obsequies. The floral contributions were very numerous.

GRAND FOLKLE. It has been definitely ascertained that as soon as the proposed extension of the Kootenay railway has been authorized to the north fork and extended into the coal fields of Nicola, the best of coal and coke can be hauled to the Grubny smelter here at a cost of cents per ton cheaper than at present. Akerman S. M. Martin has secured the subcontract from Porter Bros. for the erection of some 18 Great Northern railway buildings, including section houses, stations and freight sheds, both here and at Phoenix, as well as at a branch of July Creek. A very little work needed on the company's depot proper here, as all the building was put up when the line was first built into the city. Mr. Martin's contract probably not be completed before spring.

PERMIA. The city council of Permian has adopted an ordinance providing that children under 14 years of age must not be in upon any street, etc., unless accompanied by an adult during the period between October 1st and March 31st. From April 1st to September 30th the hour is 9 p.m.

Last Saturday was pay day at the three collieries for the month of November. The Free Press of November 25th. The amount paid totalled \$132,500, distributed as follows: Coal Creek, \$11,500; Methven, \$49,500; and \$21,500. This is an increase over the September pay of nearly \$14,000. A steady increase may be looked for monthly in the output of the coal mines. The coke industry never was in better condition. The overs of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company manufactured more coke in October than in any previous month in the history of the company. Not only this, but the coke shipments in that month exceeded all previous months. The coke industry never was in better condition. The overs of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company manufactured more coke in October than in any previous month in the history of the company. Not only this, but the coke shipments in that month exceeded all previous months.

VANCOUVER. Rev. John Antle, who on Wednesday resigned the rectorate of Holy Trinity (Anglican) parish, was the recipient, in company with Mrs. Antle, Tuesday night, of a kindly farewell presentation and address tendered by the parishioners. The presentation took the form of a most acceptable travelling case (in which was secured a weighty purse of gold) from Mr. Antle, and a costly silver tea service for Mrs. Antle.

Messrs. Farrell, Tregent & Co. have addressed a notice to the public, containing an offer to rent the English bay beach, now owned by the city. The letter is as follows: "We beg to make you a proposition for renting English bay beach, if the city will spend \$50,000 on improvements, to be mutually agreed upon. We will take a lease of the beach for 25 years, paying a rental for the same of \$4,000 a year. Our intention would be to provide first class bathing houses, rowing and sailing boats, and other legitimate amusements. The rental will pay 4 per cent. on \$100,000."

During November there were 52 births (all white), 17 marriages (16 whites and 1 Oriental), and 52 deaths (42 whites and 10 Orientals).

There were 131 cases before the police court during the month of November. Although the fire department was called out but four times during the past month, the total loss amounted to \$225.

A young man named William Kent, while crossing street, was run over by a street car and instantly killed. It is probable that an inquest will be held, but it is said no blame could be attached to the motorman.

MILITARY NEWS AND GOSSIP

In the Times of Tuesday last was published a dispatch from London which read, in part, as follows: "It is officially announced that the government intends the withdrawal of Imperial forces from Halifax, but no decision has yet been reached as to Esquimaut. The fact that the centre of the world's military and naval interest is now on the Pacific may save the station from reduction, but a speedy announcement of the government is awaited."

An interview with Lieut. Col. English, in command of the forces stationed at Work Point, was obtained by the Times. The Lieut. Col. says, he is without official information of any contemplated change, and does not look for it until the Imperial government meets and the policy of Sir John A. Macdonald is known. He says, however, that the appointed senior sea lord of the admiralty, is submitted.

Lieut. Col. English, however, does not think that the proposed alterations will provide for a reduction in the strength of the permanent Work Point force. It might involve other alterations as to the positions of the various companies, but he is hardly to be reduced to any material extent. Without a doubt the object of the withdrawal of military and naval forces from the station is to concentrate the forces in the defence of the coast, and to reduce the expense of maintenance. Therefore, if the Canadian government provides assistance in the defence of the coast, the British government will be every reason to believe it will be eagerly accepted. Then the positions mentioned will probably be garrisoned with the same strength of Canadian regulars.

The suggestion that the defence of the coast should be entrusted to the Canadian forces, is not a new one. Lieut. Col. English says it is hard to believe in fact he considers it highly improbable that the authorities will decide upon such a course. It is not likely that Halifax and Esquimaut will require regulars to maintain their efficiency. Of course the militia at both points can be called upon in case of emergency. But it would be unwise to entrust them with the whole defence.

In the course of the conversation Lieut. Col. English said that the fact that the many fortifications which guarded the shores of the Old Country were provided with a certain stipulated force, which represented the maintenance of a permanent fixture. This policy, he believed, would not be departed from in the Imperial defences of the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard of the Old Country.

Outside the reduction of the expense, what the authorities were seeking, he explained, was concentration. At present the arrangement of the stations is such that a change then would be for the worse. Recruiting conditions differ widely in different parts of the country. In some localities officers commanding companies have to turn men away because restricted as the numbers they can take to camp, while in other parts the most energetic officer cannot possibly turn out more than 25 men. The chance of a change then would be for the worse. Recruiting conditions differ widely in different parts of the country. In some localities officers commanding companies have to turn men away because restricted as the numbers they can take to camp, while in other parts the most energetic officer cannot possibly turn out more than 25 men. The chance of a change then would be for the worse. Recruiting conditions differ widely in different parts of the country. 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