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STRONG NEW NATIONAL PARTY WITH FORWARD POLICY NEEDED

Both Political Parties Now Useless, and Times Demand a
Rehabilitated Opposition, Freed From Present
Weakness and Strengthened by a Modern
National Policy.

OTTAWA, March 29.—(Special).—The special despatch to the World of to-day in regard to the demoralized condition of the Conservative opposition in federal politics was only a frank statement of what has been current gossip for many a day. The Conservative party is broken, disorganized and more or less at sixes and sevens, one section with the other, but that does not mean that the Conservative party in this country should be helpless or hopeless.

Never was there such need as there is at the present time for a strong, progressive and hopeful opposition. The only political cement in Canadian politics to-day is the personality of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his system, as applied to the Liberal party. The moment he retires, his party will be as divided as the Conservative party, unless a miracle happens at the time.

Perhaps the real truth is that both of the political parties have outlived their usefulness. Certainly a blunder was made in the attempt on the retirement of Sir Charles Tupper, in 1906, to keep the Conservative party in the rut and under the control of the men who had been associated with it up to that time. The whole effort seemed to be to keep the party as an asset of a few politicians, rather prominent in the Conservative party at the time, but more or less discredited, and to protect what might be called Tupper interests.

New Ideas Distasteful. There was an equally distinct disposition in the controlling section to resent any new ideas or any suggestion of a new departure, or of a new and progressive platform, and of a fresh appeal to the public on lines that would have given the leaders and the workers the inspiration, for instance, that the National Policy gave to Sir John Macdonald and his associates when they found themselves in opposition after the Pacific Scandal, and when they raised it as a new and attractive rallying cry.

Ever since the reorganization in 1900 the party has been more or less under corporation influence. There were men in the front row representing the Bell Telephone Co., and there were men who thought they were there representing the Grand Trunk, and the Grand Trunk Pacific, which was then beginning to shape up, and there were men there who thought they were in the party in the interests of other railway corporations, and that alliances with corporations were the main source of strength for carrying future elections.

A decided effort was made on the part of this small section to actually wipe out, or to send away back, anyone who suggested the regulation of the great corporations controlling public franchises; and if any approach was ever made toward progressive measures, it was made in a way that lacked sincerity and had not the air of confidence that the circumstances called for. Time after time there was talk of holding a convention, but time after time the thing had to be abandoned, so for one reason, now for another; and to-day the announcement is made that the convention called for this year is not to come off; and the air is full also of rebellion among the followers of Mr. Borden. So that things are in worse shape than they ever were.

Place for a New Party. The World's correspondent does not say that the Conservative party cannot be reorganized, but he does say that probably the easiest way out of the situation is to launch an entirely new party as the Republican party was launched in the United States before the war. What Canada wants to-day is a strong national party that believes in Canada, that believes in the conservation of the public resources, that believes in the regulation of all the corporations, that is not afraid to declare in favor of public ownership of the telegraphs and telephones and the expansion of the parcel-post system; that is not afraid to declare that the state should share somewhat in the profits of the banks which have the enormous franchises they now have; that is not afraid to declare against the appointment of members of parliament to office or to the senate in consideration of political support; that is not afraid to declare for civil service reform up to the hilt, and for efficiency in the administration of all the public departments; that is not afraid to declare that parliament is not the place to raid the municipalities of their municipal rights, and that it will insist upon the practice being observed that when a public man, identified with any party or government, becomes tainted with graft or misconduct, it is the duty of the party with which he is connected to force him out, rather than to carry him along.

Can't Be Patched Up. Anyone who watches the condition of affairs in the United States must know that the two parties there are practically landed in bankruptcy and demoralization, and that only a great and sweeping new movement can do the work that must be done in that country in the next few years. It seems that the same condition of affairs prevails here in Canada.

But it is far better that the present lack of cohesion and lack of policy continue for a good while longer at Ottawa, and to try and patch up the present situation. The freest and fullest discussion is now in order, and lots of time, for that matter, can be taken over it; but the one thing to be guarded against is any further effort to keep the control of the party in the hands of those who now have it.

Outside of Mr. Borden, there has not been a single man of first-class capacity within the immediate circle that has had control of the party. Mr. Borden in many ways is a big man. He has high-class legal abilities, and would make a model chief justice, or as good a minister of justice as this country ever had; but he has failed to prove up to the present that he has the gift of leadership or the enthusiasm, or the courage, or the capacity for framing a great progressive policy that will carry the party to success.

Has Helped Laurier. Sir Wilfrid Laurier simply dominates Canada to-day because for ten years the efforts of the discredited Conservatives to keep control of the Conservative party have succeeded. And Sir Wilfrid's chief asset and shield has been in the bench opposite to him. He has high-class legal abilities, and would make a model chief justice, or as good a minister of justice as this country ever had; but he has failed to prove up to the present that he has the gift of leadership or the enthusiasm, or the courage, or the capacity for framing a great progressive policy that will carry the party to success.

Another thing, and certainly a foolish idea, is that Dick McBride of British Columbia has only got to be sent back and put in charge to improve the situation. The Conservatives will have to get a new leader, or come under a new party banner. But there is hope. Certainly the men who can least stigmatize the Conservatives at this juncture are the Liberals. They are hanging—the whole lot of them—on a very slender thread.

G.P.R. TELEGRAPHERS UNEASY

Will Make a Demand for a Higher Wage Schedule.
WINNIPEG, March 29.—(Special).—Officials of the three big railway companies, the C. P. R., C. N. R. and G. T. R., were interviewed this morning with reference to the possibility of labor troubles during the coming summer. Little information was obtained, but the general belief was that the wage schedules would be easily adjusted.

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We may be wrong, but we guess the kind of hat you want is one with some quality and style of it. That is the hat the Dinen Company sells. The company is sole Canadian agents for the Dinen Hat London, England, and the world's great hat makers. And, friend, these good hats do not cost any more than the other kind.

Benefit Ball For Newsboys' Fund

A benefit in aid of the Newsboys' Home building fund will be given in Mrs. F. V. Meyer's hall at Sunnyside on Tuesday evening, the 19th April. Music will be furnished by Fralick's orchestra of 12 pieces. The use of the ball room is being given by Mrs. Meyer entirely free, and owing to the generosity of Mr. Fralick and his artists, the music will also be supplied without any charge, which means that the entire proceeds will pour into the home building fund. A fee of 75 cents a couple will be charged. Mrs. Meyer visited The World office yesterday, and stated her desire to have a share in the campaign to raise funds for a newsboys' home. The aim she thought was a most laudable one, and she believed that her friends in the western section of the city and elsewhere would be glad to patronize the scheme by buying tickets. The hall will accommodate about 150 couples.

WILL BE PRINCIPAL OF NEW WESTERN COLLEGE

Rev. W. H. Vance, Rector of the Ascension, to Remove to British Columbia.

Rev. W. H. Vance, B.A., rector of the Church of the Ascension, Richmond-street West, has resigned his office to undertake the principalship of the new Latimer College at Vancouver, B.C. Latimer will be a kind of Wycliffe of the west, and will establish and sustain the traditions which have made Wycliffe in the last 23 years a household word in Ontario.

Latimer will be a voluntary college, affiliated with the new provincial university of British Columbia. A commission of five is now considering the location of the provincial university, and as soon as this is settled, Latimer will set for a site, and will be federated with the other colleges, in the same way that Wycliffe is with Toronto. Latimer will be an evangelical theological college, and its theological degrees will be conferred by the board of divinity in the same way as those of Wycliffe and the other theological colleges.

An influential committee is looking after the business side of the enterprise, and the new college will be inaugurated under the happiest auspices. It will be in full operation next year when the general synod of the Anglican church meets at Vancouver.

It will be remembered that the Presbyterian College opened two years ago under the principalship of Rev. John Mackay, D.D., with four students, and these had grown to forty in the last session. Mr. Vance has been recognized since his arrival in Toronto five years ago, as one of the most energetic and devoted clergymen in Ontario. Coming into a field which was beginning to be regarded as almost hopeless, he quickly recognized the problem of the down-town city church, and since his incumbency the Church of the Ascension has made steady, and, in fact, phenomenal progress. The income from the parish, which is one of the least blessed in the world just in the city, advanced in the year just closed over all previous records. The attendance has been increased, the services brightened, and spiritual atmosphere heightened and cleared, and the tireless energy and ceaseless parish work of the incumbent have opened a new era for the congregation. Mr. Vance's frank and charming personality has endeared him to all classes and creeds in the city, and his culture has been subordinated to his Christianity, even as that has contributed to his manhood.

Mr. Vance is about 34 years of age, and previously to his Toronto career he filled the curacy of St. Thomas' Church, St. Catharines. He is a graduate of Toronto University, and Wycliffe College. He was married some years ago. It is understood that after consultation with the congregation of the Church of the Ascension, the Lord bishop will make an early appointment to the charge.

Newsboys' Building Fund

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HUNDREDS LEFT ORPHANS

As Result of the Hungry Holocaust—All Over Ten Minutes.

VIENNA, March 29.—The emperor has telegraphed to the Hungarian Government his condolences in the catastrophe at Oekoerte. It is learned that the ball at the hotel was held to raise funds to complete the building of the new Protestant church. Form the first alarm of fire to the collapse of the roof, which completed the disaster, only about ten minutes elapsed. The victims included Burgomaster Kavaca, his wife, daughter, and four sons. Hundreds of small children have been left orphans.

Prospectors Already Staking Claims Along the Metagama River, Where Indications Are of the Very Best.

SIXTY MILES NORTH G.T.P. AND WEST OF COCHRANE

NORTH BAY, Ont., March 29.—(Special).—Coal is now the magic word which is stirring northern Ontario into activity, and temporarily, at least, obscuring the alluring gleams of gold and silver. Claims have been staked and recorded for twenty square miles of territory, where an immense body of coal has been found. Tests were made at four different places within an area of three miles along the Metagama River, and west of Cochrane, and from the reports already given by engineers and prospectors, a continuation of the T. & N.O.Ry. to the new coal field will be a matter of but a short time only.

The coal fields are located about sixty miles north of the Grand Trunk Pacific and west of Cochrane. The Metagama River seems to have cut thru an immense bed of coal, as it is found on both banks.

The banks and high bluffs are sea-marked with the precious commodity. Should an assay of samples brought out, and careful inspection of deposits be made, the reports already given by engineers and prospectors, a continuation of the T. & N.O.Ry. to the new coal field will be a matter of but a short time only.

Syndicates Being Organized. Syndicates are being hastily organized to get in on the coal proposition as a guarantee that there is something tangible and genuine about the finds, and the mining recorder's office at Halleybury contains some interesting information which the general public is not familiar with. This Looks Businesslike. Martin Shannon, of North Bay, formerly employed on the G.T.P. survey, has just returned from Metagama River, north of the Transcontinental Railway, and a syndicate is being formed in town to send him back at the head of a party to locate coal lands.

A MONTCALM JAILED AS THIEF

Descendant of Famous General is in Trouble in New York.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Paul de Montcalm, said to be the last living descendant of General de Montcalm, hero of Quebec, and who represented the family at the tercentenary celebration at Quebec, was held in \$1000 bail in police court to-day on a charge of grand larceny. He is accused of stealing a silk shawl and a pair of opera glasses.

Prince of Wales, I.O.O.F.

The Prince of Wales, I.O.O.F., held their annual past grand night last evening, at which were present Grand Master Senator Derivshire of Brockville, Past Grand Master Fairwell of Whitby, D.D. G. M. Dawson and Chrysler.



EXTENSIVE COAL FIELDS FOUND IN NEW ONTARIO IF HOPES PROVE TRUE

Where the Coal Fields Are

Present discoveries of coal extend three miles along the Metagama River, a stream beyond the height of land, flowing northward to Hudson Bay; about 60 miles north of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and to the west of Cochrane. Twenty square miles of territory are already staked.

PROMPT WAGE INCREASE ALONE WILL AVERT STRIKE

Bituminous Coal Miners Are Determined—Then There Are Other Matters to Be Decided Later.

CINCINNATI, March 29.—Only immediate increases in wages will prevent widespread strikes in the bituminous coal mines of the country, according to action taken by the special convention of the United Mine Workers of America, late to-day, following the final agreement and dissolution of the joint conference of the central competitive field.

The terms proposed by the miners for the continuation of work after the expiration of the present agreements on midnight Thursday, will admit of no compromise so far as wages are concerned. On most other questions, however, there is room for agreement, and the general opinion among men and employers to-night is that no long suspension will result except in a few fields.

The most threatening aspect overshadows the Pennsylvania and the Illinois fields. In Pennsylvania there can be no new contract short of a settlement of the controversy over the new explosive laws of that state, and in Illinois the old problem of payment for the services of shot firers looms up as a possible barrier to peaceful settlement.

Briefly the miners' demands are that all operators pay the increased wages of five cents a ton on pick mined screen coal, with proportionate advances for other methods of mining and outside labor, as pre-requisite to other negotiations on other questions. With the advance in pay assured, work may be continued in the mines affected pending a solution of the minor points, provided that national executive board of the union approves action to this effect by the district officers.

PROVINCES WILL NO GO TO THE COURTS

Reject Federal Government Proposal in Reference to Jurisdiction Over the Incorporation of Companies.

OTTAWA, March 29.—(Special).—A conference between representatives of the federal and various provincial governments on the question of the respective jurisdiction of the governments in the matter of the incorporation of companies came to a close this afternoon without any definite agreement.

The following resolutions, which had been proposed by representatives of the provincial governments, but which had not been agreed to by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues, who made counter proposals that the whole question should be referred to the supreme court of Canada and to privy council at London—were given out.

"The delegates of the provinces, assembled at Ottawa, have adopted unanimously the following resolutions: 'Whereas it has been proposed by the Government of Canada to submit to the supreme court of Canada the question of the jurisdiction of the provinces and the federal parliament respectively in reference to the incorporation of companies, and of rights of companies so incorporated; and whereas the supreme court of Canada, in the case of the C. P. R. v. Ottawa Fire Insurance Company, has already upheld the contention of the provinces in this behalf; 'It is therefore resolved: That the provinces, in view of the fact, do not think it expedient or advisable to consent to another, or further submission, involving substantially the same issues; 'That they are of opinion that it is not in the public interest that the powers exercised by the provinces for incorporation of companies should be brought in question; 'That they believe that foreign corporations should not be accorded or enjoy, within any province, greater powers than companies incorporated by sister provinces; 'That they express their willingness to join in a conference to draft an amendment to B. N. A. Act, to more clearly define and set at rest the respective rights of the Dominion and the provinces in this respect; (Signed) L. A. Taschereau, Chairman."

The fundamental issue in dispute is a company which is incorporated by a province, acquires by reason of such incorporation the legal right to do business in other provinces. The Dominion government was represented by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who president; Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. Charles Murphy and Thomas Mulvey, K.C., under secretary of state; Ontario by Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary; Hon. H. Ritchie, K.C., and E. Bayly of the attorney-general's department; Quebec by Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Chairman.

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SUNDAY JOE.

Mr. Joseph Atkinson, that other great moral reformer associated with the Rev. Dr. Macdonald of the Globe in supporting the Miller anti-betting bill, is said to be desirous of starting a Sunday edition of The Toronto Star.

It was Mr. Atkinson who got most of the amendments in the Lord's Day law against Sunday newspapers (The Toronto Sunday Journal), and wrote and took deputations to Ottawa for that purpose. It is understood, however, that Hon. Senator Cox and John C. Eaton, who are two of the largest shareholders in The Star, and who are pillars of Canadian Methodism, object very much to the proposal of Joseph to go into a Sunday newspaper.

Sunday Joe now confesses that his great object in life is to serve the latest horse racing intelligence (including betting news) on the Sunday morning breakfast table of the great church-going community of Toronto, and to use the senator and Mr. Eaton as cloaks for the same.

A RETROSPECT.

March 30, 1814: Gen. Wilkinson, with 4000 men, crossed the boundary line to La Colle Mill; but Major Hancock, with 340 men, compelled him to retreat to Plattsburg.
March 30, 1856: Peace with Russia after Crimean war.
March 30, 1864: The Tache-Macdonald administration took office.
March 30, 1876: Louis Riel elected for Provencher, Manitoba, appeared at Ottawa.

Toronto as an Art Centre. Toronto's metropolitan position as a distributive centre is shown quite as much in artistic as in industrial matters. This may be attributed to the natural growth of the city, but in regard to its art sales, a material share of credit is due those who have provided opportunities hitherto unobtainable.

On Thursday and Friday of this week C. M. Henderson & Co. will, ably assisted without reserve, submit to public sale notable examples of Oriental handicrafts, forming the finest collection yet offered in Canada. They include woven articles and inlaid furniture of large value, but still more remarkable for their intrinsic quality. The chance should not be missed.

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