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MR. BALFOUR

The "B. M. G. Club" of the Unionist party has accomplished its purpose. It will now dissolve. B. M. G.—Balfour Must Go—was its motto, and Balfour has resigned.

Among politicians, Balfour has always been a philosopher; among philosophers, a politician. He has, perhaps, been too anxious to show that he was not as other men are.

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solemnly. Perhaps too much he cultivated the airs of indifference. Many ignorantly thought of him as a jaded Epicurean who craved only for a new sensation.

His resignation leaves the Unionist party shaken, groping, confused. There is no man of outstanding ability to lead it. Austen Chamberlain is not big enough to bend Ulysses' bow.

Meantime Mr. Balfour has shaken the temple. He sheaths his sword in a crisis so far as his party is concerned, but it is the sort of man who will not worry much over the party if the country but avoid the rocks. And it will.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY

It is found that in ten years the employers' liability companies of the United States took in almost \$100,000,000 in premiums from American employers.

Unless the employe can prove that nothing but the employe's negligence was responsible for the accident, without any other contributory cause, the workman can recover no damages.

The systems that require compensation by employers, no matter what the cause of the accident, unless it can be proved that it was caused wilfully through the sole fault of the employe himself, are due to England in the first instance.

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The capitalists, corporations and manufacturers who contributed to his success will be heard from before Mr. Borden introduces any advanced and progressive legislation. The Wholesale Grocers' Association will have something to say also on this matter before Mr. Borden's government passes any such bill.

MR. A. BONAR LAW

The cable brings the announcement that Mr. A. Bonar Law, a New Brunswicker by birth, has succeeded Mr. Balfour as the chief of the Unionist party.

Mr. Law, who was born in this province, his father having been a clergyman in Kent, left New Brunswick when he was twelve years old and since his boyhood had not been in touch with affairs in this province, and, in fact, none so intimately with affairs in Canada generally except from the standpoint of a long-range observer.

Mr. Law is educated in Glasgow, went into business there, and from that into politics, and may be said to have made a large success of both. Mr. Law, who is now fifty-one years old, has long been regarded as the most able exponent of the doctrine of Tariff Reform in England, and while in a sense his succession to the leadership is a compromise, it is at least indicative of the Unionist desire to select not only an able man but a man who will ride straight toward protection, which Mr. Balfour could never do.

And here we have the most significant thing about the choice of Mr. Law. It means that the protectionist element is in the saddle in the Unionist party, and that protection and anti-Home Rule will be the slogans written large across its banners for the immediate future at least.

Mr. Balfour's stature is not diminished, to put it mildly, by the announcement that Mr. Law has been chosen, for while Mr. Law is today by reason of sheer ability one of the foremost men in his party, there is still a great gulf fixed between him and Mr. Balfour in point of experience, political dexterity, and workmanship in respect of the larger questions of the day.

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variously "practical." Roosevelt had also a good deal of the demagogue and something more of the tyrant in his methods, and he beat all the old-time politicians at their own game.

THE PASSING OF AN ARISTOCRACY

Mr. Asquith has announced the intention of his government to introduce a bill establishing manhood suffrage, and thus destroy the last remnant of a property franchise in England.

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The new democracy calls for, and no doubt will bring forth, qualities in many ways not less heroic than were called forth by aristocracy and militarism.

NOTE AND COMMENT

It would seem that all the troubles of the Borden cabinet are not to arise out of the navy problem. The Montreal Gazette, Conservative, is already protesting against the public ownership declaration of Hon. W. T. White.

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HON. MR. PUGSEY REFERS TO GREAT IMPORTANCE OF COURTESY BAY WORK

Cannot Imagine for a Moment That Government Will Not Carry it Out, as City and Country at Large Need It—The Navy Question—Former Minister of Public Works Enjoyed Rest and Will Return to Ottawa Tomorrow.

Hon. William Pugsley, accompanied by Mrs. Pugsley, returned home on Saturday after two weeks stay at Atlantic City and New York, and expressed himself as having been greatly benefited by the rest. He will leave Tuesday evening to attend the opening of the session at Ottawa.

When informed that the Borden government had as yet made no move towards letting its tenders for the development of the Courtesay Bay, Hon. Mr. Pugsley said there was absolutely nothing standing in the way of the government letting the tender to Norton, Griffiths Co. Ltd. They had made a security deposit, he said, which had been retained by the late government, while the deposits of the other firms had been returned before the change in administration.

As to the work going on eventually, he said, "I cannot imagine for a moment that the government will not carry it out as it is important not only to the city but the country at large. I notice that Mr. Bath, the English engineer, while in the city, made some reference to the dry dock which had been changed to allow a longer dock to be built, but this cannot be, as the act did not limit the dock which received aid to any size, simply stating a minimum."

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TO EXTEND RAILWAY FROM PLASTER ROCK

John E. Stewart Says He Will Commence Operations Before Dec. 1 to Prevent Subsidy from Lapsing.

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ENGLISH CAPITALISTS MAY PURCHASE THE MIRAMICHI PULP MILL

Chatham, N. B., Nov. 10.—Carl Riordon, of the Rindon paper mill in Ontario, and Charles Head of Ottawa, interested in several large pulp and paper manufacturing, arrived in town yesterday morning and proceeded at once to the Miramichi pulp mill, which they inspected.

RATHER CLOSE PLANT FOREVER THAN GRANT INCREASED WAGES

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