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SIR WILFRID STANDS FIRM.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not given up the ship. If he is again returned to power, the grand old mariner promises that the dereliction of the Borden Government shall yet be made good, and Canada shall have Canadian fleets, Canadian shipbuilding plants, and a Canadian naval service to be proud of. The Liberal leader stands precisely where he always has stood. His policy is the same as he propounded from the first, as Messrs. Borden and Foster themselves once supported. It is based on a sound British and Canadian principle. There is scarcely a line of Sir Wilfrid's speech but can be found in essence in what Messrs. Borden and Foster said three years ago. It may be asked whether, the principle of national and imperial defence being the same as ever, Sir Wilfrid's actual plan has not been considerably expanded by the addition of Dreadnoughts. It has. The Laurier navy would have developed appreciably in five years towards the dimensions now proposed, but Sir Wilfrid has enlarged his plans to make up for the do-nothing interval of Bordenism. By 1916, at the present rate of growth, Canada should be at least half as populous and rich again as in 1909, easily adequate to the larger effort which the Liberal party now forecasts. As Australia has enterprisingly advanced since 1909 to Dreadnought construction, so Sir Wilfrid's program grows with Canada, and to cruisers are to be added battleships of the first rate.

If Sir Wilfrid had stayed in power, there would have been before now a ship-building plant in Canada ready to begin operations. The first Canadian cruisers would have been on the stocks. Tenders had been received from British builders for ships to be built in this country, for this country, and by Canadian labor.

Since 1910 the case for the establishment of a Canadian navy for imperial defence has grown even stronger. The burden of armament on Great Britain has increased, although or rather because, relatively to Germany, she is in a better position than she was supposed in 1909 to be. The head of the British admiralty at that time, Mr. McKenna, made the mistake of over-estimating the rapidity of Germany's building and started the scare of 1909-1910. Since then there have been, to quote Mr. Churchill's speech of May last, "no grounds for panic or alarm." But the increasing cost of Britain's armament nevertheless supplies a reason for the greater development on our part.

It is precisely a Canadian development that will most help the mother country and ourselves. As Mr. Churchill said in May:

"The important thing is that the gaps should be filled up so that while we in the old country guard the decisive centres, our comrades and brothers across the seas shall keep the flag flying on the oceans of the world."

The Laurier navy, then, is the true imperial policy. It is also the only national policy for a self-respecting Canada. Even the Borden Government asserts that a British squadron must be sent to the Pacific waters to co-operate with the Australian fleet. In that squadron there will be no Dreadnought, only second-class ships. But the Laurier policy will put a Canadian squadron with one Dreadnought on the British Columbia coast to co-operate with Australia. On such a policy the Liberal party can safely challenge the Government to test Canadian opinion. It is not afraid.

Mr. Borden's policy imposes burdens on the old country, Laurier's does not. The Borden policy leads to nowhere. It is no guarantee or even promise that the three Dreadnoughts shall form part of a Canadian navy. It is neither British nor Canadian. Sir Wilfrid's program has the element of permanency; it is "something grafted on the soil of Canada's nationhood which takes root and grows and develops," to quote Mr. Foster's eloquent language in a moment of patriotism three years ago. Sir Wilfrid bases his policy, as ever, on the principle of local autonomy. It is not a school-boy challenge to Europe, but provides a sound, national service for Canada, Great Britain and the Empire.

AN UNWELCOME CHALLENGE.
[Branford Expositor.]

The East Middlesex by-election compelled the Whig Government to divulge its policy, or lack of policy, on the temperance issue. While Mr. Rowell stood squarely for the abolition of the bar, the members of the Government who visited the riding, made no attempt to talk the abolition of treating, which was supposed to be the alternative of the Rowell platform, but instead enlarged on the advantages of local option, a measure which was placed on the statute books by the Liberal party. And now, at Woodstock on Saturday, Mr. Rowell invited the ministers who are professedly such warm advocates of local option, to visit with him, in January next, some of the municipalities in which this measure is to be voted upon and speak

In support of it. The invitation is one which is not likely to be accepted.

ROBLIN'S REASON.

[Brandon News.]
After MacDonald it is no longer difficult to understand why Premier Roblin should think that women would demean themselves by taking an active interest in politics.

WHERE WILL IT END?

[Ottawa Free Press.]
Supposing Germany makes Canada's contribution an excuse for laying down three battleships over and above her present program, shall we contribute three more next year and again leave the maintenance of these ships to the British taxpayer?

WHO WILL FINANCE THEM?

[Toronto Star.]
And will it be Malay money, or whose, that will pay for the upkeep of those three Dreadnoughts which Canada produces, but does not support?

THE COLD SNAP.

[Niagara Falls, N. Y., Gazette.]
What's all the row about, anyway? You didn't expect an Indian summer to last all winter, did you?"

IS BRITAIN DECADENT?

[Toronto World.]
Those who write so glibly about the decadence of the Mother Country might occasionally refer, with profit and advantage, to its health, industrial and commercial statistics. From many of the jeremiads that frequently appear in certain Canadian and United States newspapers, the unthinking reader will inevitably gather that the British Isles are now inhabited by invalids, valetud-

inarians and degenerates, that the mills, factories and workshops are falling into ruin, their trade, industries and commerce falling fast and the whole country generally rapidly heading for the "demnition bow-wow." This erroneous notion has also been fostered by the accent of pessimism noticeable in the deprecatory self-criticism current in certain quarters of British public opinion. Yet at no previous era of its history has the United Kingdom showed itself more virile and active in every department of national activity. The nation is not merely producing, importing and transporting more than ever before, but was never so prolific in measures and proposals making

for political and social betterment. The record of its share in international commerce for the year now closing is alone sufficient to dispel the myth of British decadence.

BORDEN'S SEVEN NAVAL POLICIES.

[Acadian Recorder.]
If Mr. Borden is able to carry out a policy in accord with the stand taken on every occasion since being leader of his party, then a corkscrew is a straight line, twice two is six, grass can be blue, rivers flow uphill, and navigators can steer north by south and east by west.

YOUR HAIR IS FLUFFY, BEAUTIFUL AND LUSTROUS IN A FEW MOMENTS

Girls! Get a 25 Cent Bottle of "Danderine" and Try This Also Stops Falling Hair; Destroys Dandruff.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Danderine hair cleanse." Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair. Besides beautifying the hair at once, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use when you will actually see new hair—fine and dark growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it surely get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any druggist or toilet counter, and just try it.



UMBRELLAS For Christmas Presents

Just Arrived! We have just received a consignment of Umbrellas that are certainly the finest it has been our pleasure to handle for some time. They were selected from one of the largest factories in existence, and if it was your intention to purchase an Umbrella for a present or for personal use, here is the opportunity of a lifetime. Below you will find a short price list, but we have such an immense range that we can practically say that we have them at prices to suit everyone's pocketbook



1108x—Cane at	\$3.50	1443x—Gents' detachable handle, heavy gold-filled and pearl mounts	\$8.50
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1347x—Ladies' gold-filled mounts, from	\$3.50 to \$5.00		

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The above Umbrellas are all mounted with heavy gold-filled mounts and are gold-soldered and have good quality silk and wool covers. We guarantee these to give satisfaction and, if otherwise, they will be replaced.

Don't regret that you did not get one when they are all gone, but see them now; just inspect them, you will not be urged to buy.

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Open Every Evening Until Christmas

CHAPMAN'S

MAIL AND TELEPHONE ORDERS receive prompt and careful attention. Write or phone for anything you see in our advertisements.

Saturday Bargains

Your Christmas shopping can be done most economically this week at Chapman's. This list has been prepared with an eye to the needs of those who wish to buy useful gifts.

Ladies' Suits, \$5.95

Worth Double the Price

20 only Ladies' Tweed and Serge Suits—Some are extra heavy for winter wear. Broken lines worth double the price we ask. Today and Saturday... **\$5.95**

Stylish Long Black Coats, \$11.95

Ladies' Black Beaver Coats, rich, black, smooth-finished beaver, in the best tailored style, velvet collar. Reduced from \$16.50 **\$11.95** to

Girls' Coats

For girls 8, 10 and 14 years. The warmest long Coats, lined throughout with red flannel. Made in the newest style. Regular price **\$4.75** \$6. Reduced to **\$4.75**

Petticoats

3 dozen Black Regal Taffeta Petticoats, with flounce and dust frill. Worth \$1.25. On sale today and Saturday... **79c**

Dress Goods

4 pieces All-Wool Tweed Suiting, in light, medium and dark gray. Heavy weight for women's and misses' suits, dresses and skirts, 42 and 44 inches wide. Satur- **30c** day, a yard...

Sweater Coats

Women's Sweater Coats, in cardinal, gray and black. Reversible collar that may be worn up or down. Were \$2.50 and \$2.75, **\$2.29** for

Eskimo Dolls

This bargain repeated for Saturday: Eskimo Dolls, worth 15c, 20c and 25c. On sale at... **10c**

Bath Robes

Gents' Bath Robes, in good colorings. Worth \$5.50 and \$7.50. On sale to- **\$2.95** day & Saturday...

Dressing Sacks

How about a warm Dressing Sack for a gift? Fancy Flannelette Dressing Sack, fitted back, satin ribbon ties. Dainty colors, navy and red, sizes 34 to 44. Were **85c** \$1.25, at...

Men's Overalls and Smocks

Heavy Black Drill Overalls, with smocks to match, also blue and white striped Drill Overalls and Smocks to match, for railwaymen, all sizes. Overalls with bibs or without. Best \$1.00 garments. Sale price **75c**

Blankets

Pure White Wool Blankets, made in Scotland. Each Blanket is finished at both ends. Size 68x84. At a pair **\$4.50**

Linen Tabling

Loom Damask Table Linen, extra heavy pure linen quality, 60 inches wide. Worth 75c yard. Special value at... **65c**

Fine Bleached Satin Damask Tabling, in fleur-de-lis, spot, maple leaf and bow-knot patterns, 72 inches wide. At a yard... **\$1.00**

Real Lace Collars and Yokes at Half Price

This morning we put on sale nineteen real Cluny and Irish Lace Collars and Yokes at exactly half their regular price. Some of these may be here Saturday, but we expect this small lot will go quickly to gift seekers who know there isn't anything nicer than real lace for a gift. To buy it at half price is a great chance, indeed. Former prices were \$2.00, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$4.00 and \$10.00. Now exactly half-price.

Roscoe Silk for Evening Dresses

SKY PINK MAUVE IVORY CREAM NAVY GRAY If this item comes under the notice of anyone wanting to give a party dress to a young lady, it will bring them to Chapman's today or Saturday. Beautiful Roscoe Silk (nearly all silk fabric), dainty and sheer for evening dresses, in light shades, 25 and 27 inches wide. Regular 25c and 35c a yard. On sale for two days only, at **19c** yard. Dress lengths put in a Christmas box.

Underwear

Women's Vests and Drawers, winter weight, cream or gray, at per garment... **33c**

Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hand-embroidered, in dainty floral designs, 3 in a Box, **45c**

J. H. Chapman & Co., 239 and 243 Dundas St.

The Greatest Jewelry Sale Ever Held

Cannot offer you better value in Christmas Gifts than will be found at Trebilcock's Jewelry Store.

OUR PRICES ARE THE LOWEST, THE QUALITY THE BEST, ONE-PRICE GOODS, ALL MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES, AND FULLY GUARANTEED

PENDANTS—Gold-filled and silver.....	\$2.50 UP
PENDANTS—Solid 9k gold	\$10, \$15 and \$18
SCARF PINS—Gold.....	\$1.00 UP
CUFF LINKS—Gold-filled, best quality.....	\$1.00 to \$3.00
CUFF LINKS—10k and 14k gold, per pair	\$3.50 UP
LADIES' FOBS	\$1.00 UP

Jewel Cases, Fancy Gilt Clocks, Ebony Goods, Gents' and Ladies' Umbrellas, Watches, Clocks, Diamonds, Etc.

SEE OUR VALUES BEFORE PURCHASING YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

A. H. Trebilcock

116 DUNDAS STREET.

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STULTIFIED.
[St. Thomas Journal.]
The day is coming when the people will realize just what kind of a bunch of cabinet ministers are holding the reins of power at Ottawa and essaying to shape the destiny of the nation. From the Premier down, they stand a group of men who in the past year have stultified themselves

on the navy question. They have forsaken the professions which they were wont to shriek so loud.

THAT LITTLE LANE.
[Ellen Glasgow, in Harper's.]
A little lane mid shade and sun,
Dewdrops among the shining grass,
A song of April just begun

By mating robins as I pass,
The scent of hawthorn in the air,
And then your shadow falling there.

We loved too soon, we met too late,
We jested when we came to part;
But sometimes—is it love or hate?
Your shadow falls across my heart,
And to that robin's song again
My feet run down that little lane.