

THE REASON WHY Boston and New England Favor Laurier. Is That They Expect the G. T. P. Will Boom Business at Boston and Portland.

BOSTON, Oct. 12.—Notwithstanding the fact that there is an election campaign on in the United States, New England is considerably interested in the fight for the life of the Canadian government in making the business interests of Boston, which maintain that this city is one of the natural outlets for Canadian traffic, favor the return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as they believe that the city would not fare as well, through any trade arrangements of tariff changes, under the conservative party. The Boston Daily Advertiser, a paper which is constantly advocating the annexation of Canada to the United States, may prove to be one of Laurier's old friends, for in a recent issue it expressed the hope that the premier would be returned to power, as he inclines towards the independence of Canada. "And once Canada is independent," exclaimed Laurier's Boston supporter, "annexation will be inevitable." This is the newspaper which recently started Canadian Grand Trunk liberals by gravely announcing that the construction of the new trans-continental system meant a gain to Portland rather than to Moncton. The Boston Evening Record, whose motto at the top of its editorial page is "The annexation of Canada," words which stand out as a brazen insult to all Canadians here, is also praying for the success of the liberal party.

The city of Portland, which is also vitally interested in the Canadian elections, will declare for Laurier by acclamation as the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific would further build up that Grand Trunk outlet on the Atlantic. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's press agent, one E. W. Thompson, is supplying the Boston Transcript, usually a fair-minded newspaper, with a mass of ridiculous gush concerning Canadian political affairs. Former Canadians here have become so thoroughly acquainted with this Ottawa penny-a-liner that they accept about one-sixteenth of one per cent what he mails to Boston as the truth, and even in so doing they recognize that they are dallying with fate.

OLD FASHIONED EVICTION Mob in Ireland Assail Police With Red Hot Irons and Boiling Water.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—At Fellsboro, near Cork, an attempt today to evict a tenant named Edmund Murphy for unpaid rent of six shillings, led to serious fighting. Fifty police, arriving early in the morning, found the place barricaded. A crowd assembled and assisted Murphy, assailing the police with red-hot iron, boiling water and stones, compelling them to desist. The conflict continued all day. With the arrival of reinforcements the police charged the mob with fixed bayonets and many on both sides were injured. Late in the evening, through the mediation of the parish priest, Murphy was induced to surrender. Altogether thirty arrests were made. One policeman had all of his front teeth knocked out.

YORK COUNTY CONSERVATIVES Prepared to Put Up a Stiff Fight. The Young Men of the County Strong for R. L. Borden—Gibson's Position a Difficult One.

FREDERICTON, Oct. 12.—The splendid and enthusiastic convention held by the liberal conservatives here yesterday has thrown the liberal party, so called, into a kind of semi-lullaby state. The opportunists are dumb-founded, and judging from expressions published in their chief organ tonight, the order has been given to start the campaign of personal abuse. When such an order has gone forth it looks as if someone was very much disturbed. The conservative party in York



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are quite naturally pleased with affairs as they exist at the present time, and its members, though they are not saying much or going about abusing their opponents, are showing that state of confidence which on more than one occasion has brought about victory. The conservatives feel that they have pretty well organized their forces in all the parishes, and while the liberals and their organs may carry on the campaign of abuse and ridicule, the great conservative party will continue in proceeding in the even tenor of its way. It is safe to say that Mr. Borden in the present campaign has the support of the young men of York. This is most noticeable everywhere, and their enthusiasm and determination means much in a political battle. The people of York will ask Mr. Gibson from now on why it is that he is in favor of the St. John Valley Railway he voted against Mr. Fowler's amendment to bring the railway, as Mr. Gibson now professes to wish. Other people are asking if Mr. Gibson is so generous in York he has allowed the drill hall to remain as it is. Mr. Phinney has set it forth that Mr. Gibson is a worker. It is now up to Mr. Phinney to explain.

COSTIGAN NOMINATED. GRAND FALLS, Oct. 12.—Hon. John Costigan was nominated by the liberal convention. No other name was submitted. There was a good attendance.

DANIEL AND STOCKTON FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY. Chosen Thursday as the Conservative Standard Bearers at a Largely Attended and Very Enthusiastic Convention.

There was a ring of victory about the proceedings of the liberal conservative party Thursday in the York Theatre. The object of the convention was the selection of candidates to contest the ridings of St. John city and the city and county at the coming elections to be held on November third. There probably was never held in the city of St. John a more enthusiastic meeting. It was an ordinary meeting, and there was justification for the enthusiasm. Dr. J. W. Daniel, who won such a magnificent victory last February against overwhelming odds, was again the unanimous choice of his party, while Dr. A. A. Stockton, the hero of many hard fought battles, and who, as Mr. Hazen stated, had been elected more times in the city of St. John than had any other man in political life here, was called upon to carry the standard of the party to victory in the city and county. Both nominations were unanimous and made amid the greatest enthusiasm in the history of the party. The men selected were the men wanted, and in ringing speeches both accepted nomination. There was never any question as to who they would carry, and the nomination, as the only name proposed was that of Dr. Daniel.

When the delegates retired, on motion W. H. Thorne took the chair. As substitutes had taken the place of several delegates who arrived late, W. D. Baskin moved that the delegates be added to the roll of the convention, and this was adopted. Mr. Thorne briefly reported that a committee which had been appointed by the executive to ascertain what gentlemen would permit their names to be placed in nomination had been made up of many people that J. D. Hazen should allow his name to go before the convention. As there were peculiar circumstances attending Mr. Hazen's nomination, it was thought well for that gentleman to make a statement.

J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., on rising to speak was heartily cheered. He said that when he had been called upon to take up the work of local politics he felt that it was emphatically a call of duty and as such he had cheerfully obeyed it. When the call to the leadership came to him he had taken up those duties and performed them to the best of his ability, and after the election of 1903, though the heavy influence on behalf of the government had prevented the realization of the expectations of the opposition, yet the strength of his party in the house had been materially increased. In order to preserve the standing of the opposition and to continue the efforts which they were putting forth for good government, an understanding had been entered into between himself and his colleagues that none of them should enter federal politics, and as well as an election. He had positive assurance that Mr. Loggie, M. P. P., would not be a candidate in Northumberland. It had been suggested that Mr. Morrissey, M. P. P., might be nominated on Friday evening for that constituency, and some of his friends had urged that he should take time for consideration until Saturday, and in the event of Mr. Morrissey being elected, that he also should accept nomination. He felt that he could not, in honor, accede to this suggestion. He had no knowledge that Mr. Morrissey would accept a nomination, but should he do so, he would not, that would not, he felt, absolve him from his own personal pledge to his fellow members of the opposition. He regretted very deeply that he would be unable to accept the nomination here if the party should think proper to offer it to him, as he would indeed be pleased to again represent the constituency of St. John in the dominion parliament, and have again at his back those electors who had so loyally stood by him on previous occasions. But he felt where his word was involved that there was but one course for him to take as an honorable man. (Applause.)

The statement of Mr. Hazen was received with great applause, and though many of the delegates were doubtless disappointed, the convention as a whole showed their appreciation of his position, and his name was not presented. The other names proposed were Dr. A. A. Stockton, Geo. Y. McInerney, W. Frank Hatheway and W. H. Thorne. The three last mentioned asked that their names be withdrawn, and the nomination of Dr. A. A. Stockton was made amid the greatest enthusiasm. The candidates were not present at the convention, and when they were sent for, and apprised of the selection of the convention, the large audience which had gathered in the assembly room, was roused to an intense pitch of enthusiasm by a number of able and eloquent speeches. Mr. Hazen, who was the first speaker, congratulated the liberal conservative party in this county that they had such a candidate as Dr. Daniel. Since the great victory achieved by that gentleman against odds which would have daunted one less courageous, there had never been any doubt as to

who would be the candidate for the city of St. John. (Applause.) He had been a representative of many constituencies might be proud. (Hear, hear.) He had no doubt that on the third of November the majority received by Dr. Daniel would be a large one. Many independent liberals would undoubtedly follow the example of James F. Robertson, and vote to prevent the perpetration of that great wrong, the Grand Trunk Pacific, which would bring disaster to our city, and build up Portland at the expense of St. John. (Great applause.) Dr. Stockton, the candidate for the city and county, had been elected here more times than any other man in the city. He was an able parliamentarian and a good constitutional lawyer. Because a man had been defeated, was no reason why he should not again seek the suffrage of the people. (Applause.) Every public man of any experience in this country has suffered defeat. Mr. Blair had been beaten some times in his native province. Mr. Hazen said that Dr. Stockton had not sought this nomination. Had his own wishes been consulted, he would have preferred to assist some other candidate, but he was willing at any time to come to the assistance of his party, and Mr. Hazen said that he was sure he represented the wishes of the party when he said that he would be very glad to be elected to secure a candidate of the experience and platform ability of Dr. Stockton, and he expected him to be elected by a large majority. He urged the necessity of being vigilant in leaving no stone unturned to secure the success of Drs. Daniel and Stockton. (Great applause.) Before taking his seat Mr. Hazen called upon the speaker, Mr. Morrissey, who had pointed out the evils of the liberal administration, and extolled the policy of Mr. Borden.

Mr. Kelly thought that the reception he got indicated that the audience was not let him off. The members of the liberal conservative party, and he had no doubt that on Nov. 3rd the grins would be put completely out of business. (Applause.) Last night at St. John, Mr. Kelly had received the credit for the great prosperity enjoyed by the country. Therefore they must be responsible for the early frosts, the price of flour. One was as fallacious as the other. McKeown also stated that the G. T. P. would only cost \$13,000,000, but Blair estimated the cost of the railway at \$20,000,000. (Applause.) Justice cannot be done to Mr. Kelly's oration in a few lines, but when he resumed his seat the wild applause with which he was greeted followed above him how greatly it was appreciated.

John E. Wilson was called for by the audience, and he acquiesced in their desire by making a few remarks. J. B. M. Baxter was suffering from a bad throat, but the audience would not let him off. The members of the liberal party also had something sticking in their throats and also in their ribs. The speech of Mr. Hazen in the convention breathed the true spirit of the liberal conservative party. (Applause.) The record of the conservative party was good, and they had a leader of whom they might well be proud, and the candidates selected to fight were worthy representatives and able assistants of our honored leader. (Applause.) "We must work and roll up a great majority for our candidates on the third of November. (Great applause.) Miles E. Agar was also called upon, and expressed his pleasure that such a large and representative gathering was present. The great audience present indicated the intense interest the people had in this election. (Applause.) Many of them had come a long distance to be present, and he wanted no better evidence that the party would be successful. (Great applause.) At this juncture the candidates made their appearance, and they came in a rather original manner. As soon as they were inside the door, one party of enthusiastic stalwarts seized Dr. Daniel and carried him to the platform on their shoulders, and Dr. Stockton reached there in the same manner, the audience wildly cheering.

"Ald. Macdonald moved that the nomination of Dr. Daniel and Dr. Stockton be ratified by the meeting. This was seconded by several hundred people at once, and was carried unanimously. Mr. Daniel then rose to speak amid the order paper by Logan of Cumberland to the effect that the preference extended to British goods should only apply to such goods as came to Canada from outside the Dominion. This had never been allowed to stand until after

study of the law relating to charters. He suspected that "something was up." He was proud to accept the nomination so unanimously tendered him. When he looked about and saw the magnificent body of delegates which confronted him, he felt encouraged at the prospect of the encounter, which takes place in three weeks. (Applause.) He considered it a great honor to be the candidate of the great party which had chosen him as its standard-bearer. He thought that his election of 1900 would probably be his last, and such would have been his desire, but his private inclinations must give way when the call came to do battle for great principles, and with the assistance of those present he was confident that he would carry the banner to victory. (Great applause.) This was one of the most important elections ever held in this country. (Hear, hear.) When the vacancy occurred in the city last year, many thought it would not be advisable to fight. This view was held by our opponents, but he had always found it wise to do exactly what such opponents do not want you to do. (Applause.) As a result of that fight the party was now in much better position than the present battle, and Dr. Daniel, and his colleague, in the coming fight, had in the past session greatly distinguished himself, and had done more for the party than any other man. (Wild applause.) Dr. Stockton, who had an editorial which appeared in a city evening paper, which coupled the names of Col. Tucker and James F. Robertson, with reference to "the present battle," Dr. Daniel, and his colleague, in the coming fight, had in the past session greatly distinguished himself, and had done more for the party than any other man. (Wild applause.) Dr. Stockton, who had an editorial which appeared in a city evening paper, which coupled the names of Col. Tucker and James F. Robertson, with reference to "the present battle," Dr. Daniel, and his colleague, in the coming fight, had in the past session greatly distinguished himself, and had done more for the party than any other man. (Wild applause.)

"No," said Dr. Stockton, "there was not," because the liberal party was in a majority." Place Mr. Borden in power, however, and that which Col. Tucker and Mr. Robertson desired would come to pass. (Applause.) Mr. Borden had pledged himself to expiate and have the line constructed and opened by the government. (Applause.) At the liberal convention the other night candidates were tumbling over themselves to secure the position. Pugsley bobbed up serenely, as he usually does, and notwithstanding the injuries he had received, he would support the candidates. (Applause.) Mr. McKeown stated that Dr. Pugsley would be put in the forefront of the battle, and it was generally understood that he would be the generalissimo of the forces which would assail the "mighty men of valor" on the conservative side.

The speaker touched upon the reciprocity question, and said that the conservative party was on record as favoring the reciprocity, in which Canada would receive as well as give. (Applause.) He quoted a resolution passed at the republican state convention in favor of the same, and also approved the statements of Mr. Moody and President Roosevelt, who had pressed themselves as anxious to enter into negotiations with Canada with a fair reciprocity treaty in view.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson was announced to speak here soon. He would like him to answer why the government allowed the G. T. R. to secure the Canada Atlantic railway, which would prevent a bushel of grain coming to St. John by the I. C. R. (Hear, hear.) He would also like the minister of railways to state whether he knew within 20 miles what route the G. T. P. would take in this province. (Applause.) The speaker showed that the clause relating to "unrotted freight" would be of no value whatever in securing for St. John a share of the western grain. In closing Dr. Stockton said that he would deal more fully with the transportation question in the course of the campaign, and said that the enemy should be kept to this question. A vote for O'Brien and McKeown meant a blow to the best interests of the port of St. John. (Wild applause.) On resuming his seat Dr. Stockton received an ovation equalling in volume and enthusiasm that which greeted his appearance as a candidate.

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JAMES F. ROBERTSON LEAVES THE LIBERALS. He Favors Government Ownership and is Opposed to the G. T. P. and So Must Support Mr. Borden.

The liberal party in this province will in this election miss the support of Mr. Jas. F. Robertson of the firm of Manchester, Robertson & Allison. "Much as I regret having to separate from the party with which I have been associated so long, I feel that there is no other course open to me. There is one great question before the people. That is the Grand Trunk Pacific project. On that issue I have strong and decided convictions, and have given expression to them in the resolutions unanimously adopted on three occasions by the St. John board of trade. The government policy is directly opposed to what I regard as sound policy. On the other hand the resolutions unanimously adopted on three occasions by the St. John board of trade, and the leader of the party have adopted the policy which I have advocated. Therefore they are entitled to my support."

That is the frank and clear statement which Mr. Robertson made of his position in an interview with the Sun yesterday. It is exactly what might have been expected of any independent and consistent business man, in view of the part he has taken in the board of trade on this question. In January, 1903, Mr. Robertson moved a resolution declaring that the board of trade placed itself on record as favoring extension of the Intercolonial from Montreal across the continent through Canadian territory. He was then elected to the board of trade, and on the maritime province coast. One month later, after the trans-Canada delegation had been heard, Mr. Robertson moved and Mr. D. J. McLaughlin seconded a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, reaffirming the January deliverance and declaring that the development of the Northwest "will amply justify the government at no very distant period in building the proposed railway as a public work." This resolution also declared that no grants either of money or lands should be made by the dominion to any new transcontinental line.

In August, after the government Canada delegation had been heard, Mr. Robertson again returned to the question and the Board once more affirmed his position with one dissenting vote given by Mr. Likely, who said that he was in favor of government ownership, but preferred another motion. In these three discussions Mr. Robertson gave strong reasons. "If it could be proved that the Grand Trunk Pacific would build the road it would pay the government," he said. "If any railway can afford to handle the volume of traffic which has been delivered to foreign stockholders, the people of Canada can afford to do the same business on the same terms." "If ever there was a time when Canada was in a position to build a government railway across the continent it is now." "When the minister, from whom we have asked so much and received so much, thought it right to throw up his position in the government we should endorse his action."

Referring to these statements and others equally strong the Sun asked Mr. Robertson if he had since modified his views. The budget speech, when it was taken up, and after the mover, Dr. Daniel and others had spoken in favor of it, was unanimously passed. That had no effect, however, and when Mr. Borden asked the premier to give effect to the resolution the reply was made that nothing could now be done as the budget speech had been delivered. (Applause.) Referring to the local situation, Dr. Daniel said the party now had a splendid organization, and if the same vigor and energy were manifested on this occasion as before, and he was confident that it would, there was no doubt as to the result. (Great applause.) The people were with us, and if the people were with the party there need be no fear. (Hear, hear.) The Grand Trunk Pacific was an iniquitous scheme, and would destroy and nullify the great expenditure that had been made by the city for elevators and wharves. (Applause.) Dr. Daniel said that he would deal very fully with the transportation question on other occasions. He made a decreased representation of the maritime provinces. We would never have the same influence again, as the west was filling up so rapidly that they would be constantly adding to their members. We must, therefore, give this scheme the knock-out blow now or never. (Tremendous and prolonged applause.)

After this one of the most enthusiastic liberal conservative meetings ever held in the city of St. John was brought to a close with three cheers for the King and the candidates.

"Not in the least," said Mr. Robertson. "On the contrary, I am more firmly convinced that the policy affirmed by the St. John business men was right." "Then you oppose the government policy?" "Certainly I do." "Mr. Robertson does not see how any one can approve of handing over this great proposed railway to a corporation, which would probably form a combination with others to the injury of the public. We want transportation at the lowest price and only public control can secure it." "Let us have a King's highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific, giving the people a service on fair and equal terms. Let it be free from the control of syndicates and speculators. Let it be a people's railway, owned by them, controlled by them, operated by them."

That is what Mr. Robertson pleaded for last year. It is what he still desires. He spoke of local men who are distributing goods all over Canada from the maritime provinces. He would give them the best possible chance. The United States have already too much control of our industries. We should not allow them to get control of our traffic too. Mr. Robertson still proclaims this doctrine. Mr. Robertson says that though he is a St. John man, he considers that other parts of Canada are equally interested. "The policy of government ownership would be in the interest of Halifax and of all the maritime provinces. It would protect the west from foreign control and ensure the settlers there of the cheap transportation of their products to the seaboard." "We have a liberal party and a liberal conservative party. Why not have conservative liberals? I accept liberal doctrine as defined in the dictionary, independence of opinion, free constitution, and so on. But I am anxious of a conservative to desire to see a government owned railway, and control of this railway. We do not need to be so liberal as to give everything away."

Asked for his opinion on the subject of Canadian ports, Mr. Robertson said that he endorsed the national port programme. He believed that the import and export business should be carried on through Canadian channels, and that the harbor facilities should be made adequate. In reply to a straight question Mr. Robertson made the statement given at the beginning of this article. He said that he could not afford nor had he any desire to go back on his record. He did not agree with the railway policy of the government. The railway policy which he thought the proper one was the policy of the conservative party. They were together on this issue, the one great question before the people. This was a question before the people, and above the questions. It was a great national issue. It is an interesting fact which Mr. Robertson has probably forgotten that the name of his firm heads the long list of names who have been asked to ask Mr. Blair to become a candidate in St. John in 1900. It is for the reasons given above and on no personal or ordinary party grounds that Mr. James F. Robertson will on the third of November mark his ballot for the opposition candidates in St. John.

A BIG MEETING AT MONCTON. MONCTON, Oct. 13.—Notwithstanding a heavy downpour of rain last afternoon and evening, the Opera House was crowded to the doors to hear the liberal conservative rally expounded. E. A. Reilly, barrister, presided, and a number of prominent citizens sat on the platform. Senator Wood was the first speaker, dealing with the government's transcontinental railway policy from a business standpoint. He viewed it as a business proposition, and evidently created a deep impression. Mr. Powell followed. He first took up the fiscal question, showing that under the existing tariff policy Canada's imports from the United States had enormously increased, and many millions were sent out of the country every year for goods that should be made in Canada and giving employment to our own people instead of sending them across the line to work in factories, engaged in many cases in the making of goods for the Canadian market. Mr. Powell next dealt with the railway policy, showing the unwieldiness of the government's plan and the certainty that it would work serious injury to the Intercolonial. Every mention of Mr. Borden's name throughout the meeting was loudly applauded and Mr. Powell had an enthusiastic reception. The hall was densely packed with members of the party. A motto that took with the crowd was, "Vote for Powell and hold up Blair's hands," the reference being to Emmerson's remarks at the last election that the great aim of his life was to go to Ottawa to hold Blair's hands in extending the Intercolonial.

DIED AT PICTOU. The sad news came from Pictou, N. S., yesterday of the sudden death of Miss Amy Gordon, daughter of the late Wm. Gordon and niece of Mrs. George McLeod and Mrs. Geo. F. Smith of St. John. Miss Gordon had been slightly indisposed for a few days.

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