

## ONTARIO HAILS LAURIER WITH WILD ENTHUSIASM

## Defends Liberal Policy and Record in Speech of Fire and Force

**Speaker Driven Out**

Walter had been driven out of New Brunswick and forced to come to the very Toronto.

Sir Wilfrid was received with roars of cheers, which lasted for quite a while, the band striking up "Maple Leaf Rag."

Sir Wilfrid said: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen: Proud as I am of this immense demonstration, I must tell you very frankly that outside of Germany I am nearly an almost sorry for its proportions, for I feel that with all the good will I can put into it my power base is not equal to render justice to its magnitude. When my friend the German ambassador here, in connection with this demonstration to open the campaign in Ontario, which I am not sure is to come off immediately, but is at any rate far distant, he told me that he was sure of a very good reception. I was sure of it because I knew Germany as you know it, and I knew him as a man of his word, but he did not



**New Elections Coming**

"Now new elections are coming—when? I am not in a position, have not an opportunity, to give the date today, but perhaps within two, three or four days, when I am speaking at Strathroy, I may make an announce-

never kill me to make you King.' (Laughter). I have this to say: that there is not an old Liberal who will take the power away from me and my friends, George P. Graham and Rodolphe Lemieux, to give it to the hands of Borden and Foster. (Cheers).

TELLING THE SAME TALE.

I say that take The Mail and other Conservative papers today and they are telling you the old Lib-eralism of the day they are telling you the old Liberals of that time. The old was the old Liberals of Baldwin, now it is the old MacKenzie reformers that they are appealing to in the same way. But what is the what is at the base of these accusations? They are hurled in this press at what I be- lieve, nay, what I assert to be honest government. (Loud cheers.)

Now I say that the charge, Mr. Foster, speaking some days ago in one of the Maritime Provinces, said we were not only extravagant but criminally extravagant. Well, Sir, if I have any right to be a free trader, I have a right to be a free spender. (Loud cheer.) (E. Foster, I deplore my fate indeed.) (Loud cheer.)

(Foster.) After all, let us ascertain what is their charge of extravagance. I read the speech of Mr. Foster ex- pressly and I find that he says that he brings in support of the charge that we had been criminally extravagant?

brought all the wealth of minerals, especially in coal, in Southern British Columbia to the door of the people of the western provinces, and we have been able to do this by the aid of the St. Lawrence and Montreal. Then we undertook to deepen the canals. We finished the deepening of the canals in three years, but this was not sufficient. We had afterwards to improve the harbors on Lake Ontario, and then we began to endeavor to improve the harbors of Ontario, as we are now doing at Colborne, and we had to make new ones. We had to improve the harbor of Montreal, and, but not least, to improve the channels of the St. Lawrence. We have now done that, and the channel below Montreal is as secure as the channels of the St. Lawrence themselves. The result is that commerce and trade are increasing from the port and down the St. Lawrence, and the commerce and the merchants of Boston and New York are bewailing that part of their business is now going to Montreal.

There are some people like my friend MacLennan of South York, for instance, who thinks he should have a two cent rate by legislation. We think that is a little high. The rate in the Northwest is a cent and a half. The Northwest has lands differ materially from these in the province of Ontario and other provinces and we have given control of all these affairs to the railway commission. They have been able to raise the rate of the Northwest from a cent and a half to two cent and a half, and we have not raised ours. These, sir, are some of the past things we have done and I have told you also some of the things we intend to do. I have been in the department twenty years in office and I believe we can say with truth that these twelve years will show more advance in the history of Canada than any other similar period. I think that the country has made a great deal of progress and that the future is what may be well said to be a galaxy of young nations, and amongst these daughter nations Canada by all consent holds first rank. (Cheers.)

**A NEW RELATIONSHIP.**

Tommy's mother had married again, and, though Tommy didn't in the least object to his new father, he was somewhat puzzled as to their relationship. "Mamma," he said, "is this man my step-papa?"

"Yes, dear, he is your step-papa."

"Well, mamma," pursued thoughtful Thomas, "you call me your little lad, don't you?"

"Yes, dearie; you are mamma's little lad."

"Then, mamma," concluded Thomas, "I suppose I must be my step-papa's little step-ladder."

