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### THE HARBOR WORKS

It is announced that tenders for the wharf work on the west side, made necessary by the transfer of the shore lots to the C. P. R., will be called for at once by the public works department at Ottawa. The minister only awaited the signing of the agreement by the city and the C. P. R.

This is a very important work, and will involve a large expenditure. When the necessary sea-wall and wharf has been constructed and the C. P. R. has filled in the flats behind, there will be a large area for railway yards and other terminal facilities.

With the work to be done at the west side and at Courtney Bay, the next year will witness great activity in St. John. The despatches state that the government's engineers are now examining at Ottawa the tenders of three great British firms for the dry dock and other works at Courtney Bay.

That which the citizens have so long desired is about to be accomplished. The equipment of the port, will proceed until both east and west side harbors are fitted to handle the great traffic that will come this way over three transcontinental railways. With Hon. Dr. Pugsley and Mr. James Lowell as representatives at Ottawa, the interests of St. John will be faithfully served.

### WHY THIS COWARDICE?

Have the Canadian people become a race of cowards? Is the craven fear which appears to have fallen upon the leaders of the Conservative party common to the people of the country? Are they no longer competent to conduct their own affairs? Is it impossible for them to dissociate the question of trade from the sentiment of loyalty to king and country?

These questions are naturally suggested when one reads the reports of speeches made by Conservative candidates, and the articles published in the Conservative press. If it be true that the members of that party have lost all confidence in themselves, and fear that they would not be able to resist the allurements of annexation, they are at least reduced to a most unhappy condition.

Their feeling, however, is not shared by the great mass of the people of the country, who are troubled by no doubts whatever concerning their devotion to the British flag. That flag will continue to wave over the Canadian Dominion, even when the volume of trade between this country and the United States has increased to many times its present proportions. The Times has pointed out that in fifteen years our trade with our neighbor to the south has increased from \$19,000,000 to \$404,000,000 without weakening the loyalty of any citizen, unless it be those cravens who are now stumping the country in the interests of Mr. Borden. It is also true, as this paper has pointed out, that more than half of the total trade of Canada last year was with the United States, exceeding our trade with the mother country, Germany, France, Belgium, South America, and the rest of the world.

There is another fact which ought not to be overlooked by the Conservatives, when they are quoting United States authorities to show that the real aim of the United States is the annexation of Canada. If it be true that the Americans are determined to annex Canada, and that freer trade relations and a larger trade between the two countries would tend to toward annexation, why does not the American Congress abolish altogether all duties on goods from Canada, and so hasten the consummation which they are said so earnestly to desire? A little reflection upon this question will show how utterly absurd are the contentions of the Conservatives.

The great reason for the efforts made by President Taft to get reciprocity with Canada was the very high cost of living in the United States. The people of that country want the products of Canada, and are willing to make important concessions to secure them. That which they offer is what Canada really desires, and from which this country would derive an enormous benefit. It is a profitable business arrangement, which can be terminated at will by either party. It can do Canada no harm. This country would be extremely foolish not to conclude the agreement and profit by an opportunity which, if

now rejected, would not come again for a very long time. Canada is not standing still. Production is increasing, and should increase very much more rapidly than it has done in the maritime provinces. A larger free market will be infinitely more desirable a few years hence than it is today. It is offered today and the offer must not be rejected.

### THE HYPOCRITES

The people of New Brunswick are being urged by the Conservative press and speakers to rally to the defence of the British flag. This is to be a "flag election," says Premier Hazen.

Let us see. In Quebec province the Conservatives have allied themselves with the Nationalists, led by Mr. Bourassa. Mr. Monk, the Conservative leader in Quebec province, appears with Mr. Bourassa on the same platform. Mr. Bourassa has written to Conservative associations asking for a chance to address them, and to explain more fully the Nationalist position.

What is the Nationalist position? It is a very well set forth in the following extract from the Ottawa Journal, an independent Conservative paper:—"For the past week Le Devoir, (the organ of Mr. Bourassa) has had its columns open for the purpose of refuting the Niobe. Yesterday the subscription was closed. Le Devoir declares that the Canadian navy does not seem to be popular. For a week, they say, the subscription has been open, but the total sum received from the uttermost boundaries of the British Empire, to assure the refuting of the old hull wrecked on the rocks of Cape Sable was twenty cents, apart from some postage stamps and an envelope of sticking plaster. Le Devoir concludes that, as the naval department apparently seem unwilling to themselves defray the expenses of repairing the Niobe, they (Le Devoir) will send the 20 cents to the British admiralty to assist in defraying the cost of repairing the Cornwall which was injured going to the Niobe's assistance."

This contemptuous reference not only to the Canadian navy but to the British admiralty and navy cannot be classed as humor. These Quebec allies of Mr. Borden want nothing to do with the British navy, nor with a Canadian navy under the British flag. Mr. Monk is the Conservative leader in Quebec. Mr. Borden does not repudiate Mr. Monk. Yet Mr. Borden's lieutenants in the English provinces prate about loyalty and the flag. Could hypocrisy farther go?

### A CONSERVATIVE VIEW

One of the speakers at the Liberal convention at Napanee, Ont., was Mr. Charles Anderson, a Conservative farmer who had always been prominent in his party. He was one of the farmer delegates who went to Ottawa last winter to ask for reciprocity. He spoke at the Liberal convention last week, and the report of his address says:—"When he returned home he had found that three-quarters of the people of the riding approved of the 'deputation's' demand for reciprocity, but now that it was offered, the party had brought the old-time Conservatives all into line, and they opposed what before they had asked for. Mr. Anderson believed firmly in the benefits reciprocity would bring to the farmers. He vigorously stated that the manufacturers and the selfish interests were now lined up against it for one specious reason or another, and announced that he would do his utmost to elect a candidate who promised to vote for reciprocity. He declared that he was not a traitor to his party, but rather that the party was traitor to the old policy for which Sir John Macdonald and all other Conservative leaders had stood up to the time reciprocity became possible through the Fielding-Taft agreement."

### THE TRUE INWARDNESS

(Montreal Herald)

Considerable interest has been excited by the fact when Sir Wilfrid was in Montreal last week he called on Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and had a long visit. In fact, there is much more interest in the visit than there is information about it. Sir Thomas didn't send for reporters and Sir Wilfrid never gives interviews. One rumor had it that Sir Wilfrid was trying to argue Sir Thomas out of his lack of admiration for the political genius of R. L. Borden. Another had it that after having his temper tried by the jangles of local politics, he needed a little pleasant converse with Mr. George Ham. A third conjecture is that he hadn't anything particular to talk about with Sir Thomas, and just stopped in to pass the time of day. This is the favorite theory in Opposition circles. Anyhow, curiosity being a motive force of undoubted power, the interview has occasioned a considerable display of interest in circles far removed from the bastions of Windsor station.

### A MAXIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE

(London Chronicle)

According to Russian law, no person over 80 years of age can enter the bonds of matrimony. All civilized countries fix a minimum age for marriage, but nowadays apparently only in Russia, is a maximum age laid down. The law in ancient Rome was strict on this point, no man over 60 or woman over 50 being allowed to marry.

Many a man invests in a gold brick under the impression that it is a golden opportunity.

### A FRIEND OR TWO

There's all of pleasure and all of peace  
In a friend or two;  
And all your troubles may find release  
With a friend or two;  
It's in the grip of the clasping hand  
On native soil or in alien land,  
But the world is made—do you understand?  
Of a friend or two.

A little laughter; perhaps some tears  
With a friend or two;  
The days, the weeks, and the months and years  
With a friend or two;  
A vale to cross and a hill to climb  
A snook at age and a jeer at time,  
The prose of life takes the lift of rhyme  
With a friend or two.

The brother-soul and the brother-heart  
Of a friend or two  
Make us drift on from the crowd apart,  
With a friend or two;  
For some days happy or come days sad  
For some hours bright or some hours mad  
By the hale good times we have ever had  
With a friend or two.

Then bring the goblet and quaff the toast  
To a friend or two;  
For glad the man who can always boast  
Of a friend or two;  
The fairest sight is a friendly face,  
The blithest tread is a friendly pace  
And heaven will be a better place  
For a friend or two—(Selected).

### IN LIGHTER VEIN



### AFTER THE BATTLE

Out—I'll get you yet, Mr. Parrot.  
Parrot—You had better tackle the canary first and get a reputation.



### TOO BAD

Mrs. Duck—Is Miss Coshin so very poor?  
Mr. Rooster—Yes, she has to scratch for a living.

### BRITISH JOURNALISTS

James F. Chapter, News Editor of the Westminster Gazette, and a member of the party of British journalists who will come here on the 16th inst., has had a long and varied experience as journalist. He was born in South Shields, Durham county, in the year 1866, and educated at the Barnes school, where he served as a pupil teacher. Lacking the necessary means to enable him to attain to the higher grades of the teaching profession, he turned his attention to stenography, and later opened a school for shorthand in Newcastle.

The desire to become a journalist, which had long been entertained by Mr. Chapter, was at last gratified when he received an appointment on the staff of the Evening News, published in Newcastle. Here he obtained his first insight into practical press conditions, and after some time spent in reporting for this paper, he was appointed to the position of sub-editor. Later, when the proprietor of the Newcastle Evening News decided to start a half-penny morning paper, Mr. Chapter was given charge of the new venture, in the capacity of acting editor of the Morning Mail.

With this publication he remained, and under his supervision it became a flourishing newspaper. In different capacities he served on several other leading London papers, until in the year 1900, he became a member of the staff of the Westminster Gazette, with which paper he is still connected. The better part of Mr. Chapter's life has been spent in journalistic work, and as an interviewer and descriptive writer he is well and favorably known in the journalistic field. The Westminster Gazette needs no introduction, the quality of its general news, and editorials being such that it has gained a numerous following and has attained a high place among British journals. This is Mr. Chapter's first visit to Canada in the capacity of a journalist, and his wide experience will enable him to place conditions in Canada in an interesting manner before the public.

Edgar Rowan of the London Daily Chronicle, also with the party, was born in London in 1880, and educated at the King Edward VI. Grammar School, Birmingham. His first journalistic work was on the editorial staff of the Church Army, and for over five years he gave a close study to unemployment and other social problems, writing and speaking on the subject. He is the author of "Wilson Carlsle and the Church Army," an intimate study of the man and the movement which has gained a large sale. After three years on the magazine side of Messrs. Harnsworth's, he joined the staff of The Daily Chronicle in 1907, and has served as sub-editor, reporter and special correspondent on that paper, and on Last News. The publications with which Mr. Rowan has been connected have all more than a continental reputation. The Harnsworth's magazines have made a reputation of their founder and Lloyd's News and The Daily Chronicle in the newspaper world are recognized as two of the most progressive and wide-awake journals before the public, and the members of the staff of these papers are men of proved and experienced ability.

The Daily Chronicle numbers among its editors and correspondents, some of the ablest literary personages in the United Kingdom. Its opinions carry a weight and influence second to none. Not only is it a leading medium for all the current news of the day, but its comments and reviews on literary matters are widely read and its judgments are pronouncements of weight recognized by the reading public and author alike.

Coming to Canada as a representative of such a publication, the views of Mr. Rowan will be significant and his knowledge of social and economic conditions in the United Kingdom, will, when he has had an opportunity of studying these conditions as applied to Canada, be of great value in enabling him to deal in an authoritative manner with the subject of British emigration to Canada.

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