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OUR friends would do us the greatest service by sending their subscriptions during the next week. We beg of them not to place upon us the duty of calling on them. This we would be most happy to do, indeed, did time and circumstances permit. But as matters are this is a burden involving much time, inconvenience and expense that we feel sure our subscribers do not want us to assume. We shall esteem ourselves under a great obligation to them if they relieve our mind to this point by remitting now.

Visit of our Honored Leader

Robert Laird Borden, L. L. D., K. T. M. P., Leader of the Liberal Conservative Party in Canada, accompanied by A. C. Bell, M. P., Pictou, arrived here by the Princess, from Pictou on Monday evening last. A delegation of the Conservative Party from here, consisting of Senator Ferguson, A. A. McLean, Conservative candidate for Queen's, Dr. R. McNeill, President of the Conservative Conference, Mr. J. J. Johnston, Secretary, and Mr. W. L. Cotton, Editor of the Examiner went over to Pictou that morning to escort the Leader to our shores. The crossing from Pictou was beautiful and smooth and the steamer arrived here shortly after 8 o'clock. When the Princess was made fast to the wharf, the Leader and Mr. Bell were warmly greeted and welcomed by Senator McDonald, Edward Hackett, M. P., Alexander Martin, Esq., L. C. Candidate for Queen's, Mr. Grabbe, Chairman of reception committee, Mr. McIsaac, Onif of the Caledonian Club, Dr. Jenkins, ex M. P., and Dr. R. S. Jenkins, Mr. Donald Nicholson and many others. When the Leader came down the gangway he was greeted with three hearty cheers and a tiger from the immense throng on the wharf. As elsewhere noted, the Leader and Mr. Bell afterwards attended the St. Andrew's Day Soiree. While here Mr. Borden is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McLean.

Yesterday Mr. Borden and Mr. Bell, accompanied by Liberal Conservatives already named in this connection and many others went to Georgetown by a special train. The train was joined at Mount Stewart by Mr. Mathieson, Leader of the Provincial Opposition and along the line by many other members of the party. At Georgetown an immense gathering had assembled to attend the convention and hear the Leader and associates address the public meeting afterwards held. Our time is so short and our space so limited that we cannot do more in this issue than relate the principal features of this great Conservative demonstration in the capital of King's County. Prior to the meeting addressed by Mr. Borden, the convention for the selecting of a Conservative candidate was held at which Mr. John McLean was unanimously chosen. The Convention is referred to elsewhere.

When Mr. Borden entered the beautiful town hall a few minutes before 2 o'clock, scarcely standing room could be secured. It was one of the most magnificent, orderly and enthusiastic meetings that any public man could wish to address. This meeting certainly augurs well for a sweeping Conservative victory in King's when the day of battle comes. The platform was completely occupied by ladies and officials and prominent members of the Conservative party. Hon. Daniel Gordon presided in his usual happy manner. He bade the Leader and his companions a hearty welcome to Georgetown and considered the capital of King's County was highly honored in the visit of such a distinguished guest as Mr. Borden. He then read the following resolution, which had been previously unanimously adopted at the convention:

Resolved, that the Liberal-Conservatives of King's County, this day assembled in convention, desire to express and place on record their appreciation of Robert Laird Borden, ex Leader of the Liberal-Conservative Party of Canada. With constantly growing interest and approval, we have followed his distinguished career, more especially since the duties of his present high and honorable position have devolved upon him. With confidence and pride we realize his devotion to duty, his high patriotism, his courage, foresight and great ability, and we are well assured that in him we have a Leader fit to take rank with the greatest of his great predecessors, and that at an early day he will be in a position to carry out in its integrity the policy of the Liberal-Conservative Party, which gave Canada its existence as a united Dominion, and guided its course in the direction of unity and prosperity. When Mr. Borden rose to speak he received an ovation. The applause was thunderous, and the Leader had to wait some minutes for the enthusiasm to subside. He first made a happy allusion to the presence of so many ladies at the meeting. Next he expressed his satisfaction that such a large and enthusiastic convention had nominated Mr. McLean as the Conservative candidate for King's County. He felt sure he would carry the banner to victory, and he urged the electors who had nominated him to do their share of the work on election day. He strongly urged the young men of the Province to come forward and take their part in the public affairs and government of the country. Referring to Mr. A. C. Bell, who had retired from the candidacy of the County, the Leader referred to his acquaintance with him and his appreciation of him as a member of Parliament. He said he was as true a man to his party and supporters as ever sat in Parliament. During his more than a quarter of a century of public life nothing but the most honorable could be said of his record. He gave the best years of his life to his party and his country, and the Conservatives must never forget the yeoman service he rendered them. He recited an instance of Mr. Bell's pluck and resourcefulness in quelling some annoying disturbers on one occasion in the House of Commons. The Leader expressed his pleasure at visiting the Island after a session of over seven months. The long session of Parliament was due to the Government's delay in bringing down the public business. Nearly five months thus had elapsed before the Government brought down the most important measure of the session. The Government had approved of an expenditure of \$73,864,504-65. This was a great advance from \$57,000,000 under the Conservatives, against which the Liberals rallied. The total liabilities authorized by the Government amounted to \$250,000,000, or nearly the amount of the net debt of Canada at the present day. Mr. Borden then proceeded to discuss in a masterly and most convincing manner the great questions now before the public, and showed up the Government's palpable neglect, mismanagement and expense. This was a question which he was much interested in consequence of his nearness to our Province and the disadvantages caused his own constituents by failure in the matter. Mr. John McLean Conservative candidate for King's followed in a brief but vigorous speech which aroused great enthusiasm. Mr. J. J. Johnston, Leader of the Provincial Opposition followed. He expressed his pleasure and satisfaction at the presence of Mr. Borden, and the magnificence and enthusiasm of the meeting. He felt sure Mr. McLean would win the county at the same time he regretted his loss from the Provincial Legislature. Edward Hackett M. P. Senator Ferguson and Alexander Martin Esq. made brief but excellent speeches. After hearty cheers for the Leader, for Mr. McLean, Mr. Gordon and others, the grand Conservative meeting of King's County came to a close. Mr. Borden and his associates addressed a meeting in the Opera House here tonight.

McEachern's building Queen street, on Monday evening last. St. Andrew's Day. A new departure was taken this year. In stead of the usual banquet for men only, the celebration was thrown open to the ladies as well as gentlemen, and judging from the success which attended the festivities the innovation has met with unbounded popular favor. The large hall of the A. O. A. was gaily decorated, and tables were spread in most tempting style. About one hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen sat down to an excellent repast provided by caterer Stewart. The haggis, chieftain of the puddin' race, was brought in with regulation honors, preceded by piper Ferguson. The Festival was honored by the presence of Mr. Borden, Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Bell, M. P., of Pictou N. S. who accompanied him. The President D. Small presided and the Chief Mr. McIsaac sat at his right. The other guests at the table of honor were Dr. Borden, M. P. Mr. Bell M. P. Rev. Mr. Fullerton, D. A. McKinnon, M. P. and A. A. McLean and Alexander Martin Esq. There were only three formal toasts: "The King"; "The day and all who honor it"; and "Our guests." Rev. Mr. Fullerton replied to the toast of the day and the toast of our guests, proposed by the Chief, was replied to by Mr. Borden. Mr. Bell of Pictou, Mr. Bell of Summerside and Dr. Taylor of Charlottetown. Mr. Borden delivered an excellent and appropriate speech as did also Mr. Bell of Pictou and Mr. Bell of Summerside. Dr. Taylor expressed his extreme pleasure at being present and hearing and seeing Mr. Borden. He would not have missed it for anything. He was satisfied Mr. Borden was a gentleman who would do great good for Canada. He did not belong to his political party; but he hoped Mr. Borden would soon be leader of the government, as he believed that would be for the good of the country. This expression of opinion was most warmly received. An orchestra discoursed sweet music during the supper and the proceedings were enlivened by vocal music by Mr. Ingals and Mr. & Miss Collings, and an exceedingly good scottish recitation by Miss E. McKenzie. After Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King, the tables were cleared away and dancing was indulged in for a few hours. Without doubt; the Scottish Soiree of this year was the best St. Andrew's Day celebration ever held under the auspices of the Caledonian Club of P. E. Island.

Conservative Convention for King's. MR. JOHN McLEAN NOMINATED. One of the largest and most enthusiastic Conservative Conventions in the history of King's County assembled at Georgetown yesterday for the purpose of nominating a Candidate to contest the county at the next election. Hon. D. Gordon, President of the Liberal Conservative Association of King's County presided, and Mr. John A. Dewar, Secretary, was at his post. Mr. Gordon called the meeting to order and explained the reason why it had been called. The very large assembly of earnest enthusiastic delegates before him presaged victory for our party wherever the opportunity offered. Mr. A. C. McDonald moved and Mr. J. G. Stiers seconded the resolution, recorded elsewhere, placing on record the convention's approval of Dr. R. L. Borden as our leader. The resolution was unanimously and enthusiastically carried. Mr. A. O. McDonald then addressed the meeting regarding the business for which the convention had assembled. He referred to the years he had been in public life, and the successes and reverses he had encountered. It was thirty-two years since he first was elected to the Provincial Legislature. During his public career he had represented the people in twenty-one sessions of Parliament, and had always received a hearty support from his many friends. In all this there was much to be thankful for. He had looked to running for King's in the next contest, and his friend Mr. McLean had urged him to do so. After consultation with some of his best friends, however, he had decided to retire and allow a younger man to take the field. He therefore, moved that Mr. John McLean be the Liberal Conservative Candidate for King's County at the next federal election. The motion was seconded by Mr. Theodore Gallant of New Acadia and being put to the meeting was carried with the greatest enthusiasm. Enthusiastic cheers were given for Mr. McDonald, whose magnanimous action had won for him the heartiest sympathy of the convention. Mr. Gordon in putting the motion said Mr. McLean in consequence of his action on this occasion stands higher than ever in the estimation of the Conservative party. Mr. McLean on coming forward said Mr. McDonald had placed him under a debt of gratitude which he hoped he would live long enough to repay. It was Mr. McDonald's right to be nominated had he pressed it. While representing the county together they had always agreed in everything that was for the good of the county. While he esteemed it the highest honor to receive such a magnificent nomination he regretted leaving the Provincial Legislature, as he would rather be in at the death of the Peters' Government than occupying a seat in the Commons with such a leader as Mr. Borden the people should feel proud and leave nothing undone to place him in power. Mr. McLean then read a resolution of thanks and appreciation to Hon. Mr. Gordon for his distinguished services to the party. This was duly received and honored Mr. Gordon who made a feeling reply. He, at the same time, stated he wished to retire from the Presidency of the Conservative association for King's. Mr. Underhay said he hoped Mr. Gordon would still retain the presidency; but, if he determined to retire he would propose in his place Mr. A. C. McDonald. This motion was seconded and enthusiastically carried. Mr. J. A. Dewar moved that the thanks of the convention be tendered Mr. McDonald for his services to the Liberal-Conservative Party. Mr. J. G. Stiers strongly supported this resolution. Mr. McDonald thanked those present for their kind words and for making him President of the association, and asked all to support Mr. McLean and assure his election. The convention closed with cheers.

St. Andrew's Day. THE Annual St. Andrew's Festival under the auspices of the Caledonian Club of P. E. Island was held in the club rooms and the A. O. H. hall adjoining in

Foster at Dundee, Scotland (Dundee Courier, Nov. 18). The Hon. G. E. Foster, ex-finance minister for Canada, addressing a monster demonstration in Dundee, asked the audience to point to any country in the wide world with which this country had either free trade or fair trade. The British people were a fair-minded people who wanted fair-play, and they did not intend to exist by sufferance of any other people on the face of the globe. The present fiscal system in Britain was injurious to the capitalist, and injurious to the workmen. In the end the question was the working man's question, and the working man's vote would decide it. The greatest mistake the working man would make if he made it would be to let himself be shoved out with the consideration of the question.

DUNDEE AND TARIFF REFORM. Dundee had risen to the occasion in supporting the cause of fiscal reform. Last night's great meeting in the Kinnair Hall is eloquent testimony to the intense interest Mr. Chamberlain proposals have created in this as in other parts of the country. The meeting was in every sense representative, and the enthusiasm with which the magnificent speech by Mr. Foster was received makes it clear that the fair and adequate scheme of fiscal reform laid before the country by the ex-colonial secretary is cordially welcomed by the people of Dundee. There was every evidence, indeed, from the manner in which the arguments by last night's speakers, and especially the appeal made by Mr. Foster on behalf of colonial sentiment, were punctuated by rounds of cheering that the citizens of Dundee have not studied Mr. Chamberlain's speeches in vain. The great Canadian statesman and orator who has come across the Atlantic to tell the people of the mother country how deep is the interest felt by the colonies in Mr. Chamberlain's scheme must note with pleasure the anxiety of his kin-

men in the United Kingdom to have their own opinion really asked on the question. Mr. Foster had no difficulty last night—and he speaks with an authority that cannot be questioned—in convincing the people of Dundee that the colonies look upon this matter of fiscal reform and tariff preference between the various parts of the Empire as absolutely vital to the best interests of the race. Canada stretches her hand across the stretch of Atlantic waters and invites the people of motherland to participate in her bounteous and golden stores. We cannot within our own small insular compass produce food to supply the ever-growing millions of a dense population. There in the far north-west, lie the great wheat fields, the acres of golden grain growing on a stretch as broad as the Atlantic itself. And while in America and other countries from which we purchase corn there is now little virgin soil left, Canada, part of our own Empire has still thousands upon thousands of acres yet untouched by the ploughshare. As long as we rule the waves and keep our Empire intact our people shall never want, for there is a granary whose stores are illimitable and inexhaustible. But if by any mischance we should neglect the present opportunity to grasp the hand outstretched to us by Canada and our other colonial possessions, and look no farther than our little over-populated island, our imperial sun will have set; nay, more, our people will be dependent upon the tender mercies of foreign nations, nations that are daily making their tariff walls against us higher and higher.

Mr. Foster tells us that for a small preferential Canada will be prepared to grant the mother country vastly better trade terms than the latter enjoys at present with her colonies. A proposal has just been laid before the New Zealand legislature to the same effect. The colonies are loyal to the core, and are prepared to sacrifice their commercial ties with the foreigner to a large extent in order that the interests of the empire may be advanced. It is now quite obvious that the logical outcome of Britain's Imperial policy is consolidation upon a reciprocal trade basis. In this matter the colonies have shown themselves more progressive than the mother country, for before Mr. Chamberlain had put forward any preferential tariff proposals Canada had shown her regard for imperial interests by giving the United Kingdom a preference of 33.1-3 per cent over foreign countries. Canada does not ask this from the mother country, but Mr. Foster pointed out last night that by giving the Canadian the preference of a few cents on the quarter of grain the dominion farmer would be able to develop his wheat fields and increase his stores of grain, so that the cost would not be raised in the slightest to the British consumer. And, after all, what are Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Foster fighting for? They are fighting against free trade, because, as Mr. Foster declared with truth last night, there is not such a thing as free trade. To call British trading with other nations by this name is an absolute misnomer. Not one of his majesty's opposition who are going

To Our Subscribers. We should be exceedingly obliged to all subscribers, who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1903, if they would do so with as little delay as possible. The rule is to pay in advance; but the year is now almost at an end and still quite a number have not paid. It is quite unnecessary for us to remind them that we need the money to meet our obligations and provide paper and other necessary supplies for the winter. These are facts of which they are well aware. We shall be extremely thankful if our friends will assist us in this matter. Please don't delay.

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