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A JUST CAUSE

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is right. The cause of justice will win in this campaign. The party of disunion, which in Quebec puts race against race, and in the other provinces seeks to inflame the people against a friendly nation which must be our neighbor for all time, cannot expect to win its way to power by the votes of the Canadian people. There are issues of more importance than a mere change of parties at Ottawa. If the Bourassa cult is permitted to grow and flourish in Canada, with its ideal of a French-Canadian republic on the St. Lawrence, Canada will be rent in twain. If at the instance of conservative leaders Canada rejects the friendly business arrangement offered by the United States, and tells the American people that there is an undying prejudice against them in this country, that offer will not be renewed; and unfriendly relations will replace friendship, because Canada deliberately decides to have it so. But Canada will not so decide. After Sept. 1st the Bourassa and Borden will know that to command respect and support in this country public men must have a road policy and not a narrow one. For seven years Canada has prospered to an extent that has won the admiration of the world. The men whose broad policy fostered this wonderful development are not men to turn the clock back, or pursue course injurious to the interests of their country. The people know that they may with all confidence return them to power, continue their great work of national development. Theirs is the broad policy, adaptable to Canada, approved by the British government, and designed to strengthen the Empire and draw closer in sympathy the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race. They confront two narrow and sectional policies with one that is broad and truly imperial. Sir Wilfrid is urged by one group of his opponents to be too British, and by the other to be anti-British. Because he pursues a sane and even course as a true and sound-minded Canadian, his cause will triumph.

MORE DECEPTION

Does the St. John Standard assume that John people are a set of ignorant fools? would seem so. The Standard tries to make them believe that reciprocity will in the winter port, because all the grain Canada will go to the United States instead of to Europe. Sir Wilfrid Laurier ever said so, nor did Dr. Pugsley; nor do the words of their convey any such impression.

Consider the utter absurdity of the standard's contention. The United States in 1910 raised 635,423,000 bushels of wheat, and exported 91,883,000 bushels. The year before it exported 119,328,000 bushels. The United States wants a certain amount of Canadian wheat because it is of better quality, and the removal of the duty will be of great benefit to the Canadian seller; the great wheat market of both countries is on the other side of the Atlantic. Canada's wheat production is increasing at an enormous rate. That of the United States is less today than it was ten years ago, while its home consumption has increased and the export decreased. Canada a few years will have an immensely larger quantity of wheat to export than the United States will have. It will have more to send to Europe and more to the United States. It is now offered free entry for its wheat into the United States market, a privilege that will be of increasing value as years pass. But it will still be the great bulk of its exports to Europe, just as the United States now does, that grain will go by the shorter and cheaper Canadian route, building up the port of Montreal and St. John.

It is to meet the demands of that trade that the government, the C. P. R. and the G. R. have planned the great additions to the terminal facilities at St. John.

Hon. Clifford Sifton has not been able to convert his brother, Hon. Arthur Sifton, to his views. The latter is an ardent devotee of reciprocity.

IN FAIRVILLE

Two matters referred to in the speeches at Fairville last evening are of special importance to the people who are engaged in the lumber industry near the mouth of the river. One is the repeal of the Pike law, which so seriously affects American mill owners here, and which would be set right by reciprocity. The other is the construction of storage dams on the upper St. John waters, which Dr. Pugsley announced had been favorably reported on by the engineers of the joint commission. The government policy in regard to both these matters is in the interests of those connected with the lumber industry.

Last night's meeting gave evidence of the great popularity of Mr. Lowell where he is best known, and proved also that the work done for St. John by the minister of public works is fully appreciated. It proved, moreover, that the people of Fairville are not deceived by the insidious appeals of Conservatives, or frightened by the annexation bogey. Their loyalty is not a matter of bargain and sale, and they can do business with a neighbor without being traitors to their flag. Fairville will roll up a big majority for Mr. Lowell, and so strengthen the hands of the best friend St. John has ever had at Ottawa.

Why is there not a rush of Maine people into New Brunswick to take up land and get away from the murderous competition of the American farmers in their home market?

American farmers come to the Canadian west to get free land on which to raise wheat. Carleton County, N. B., farmers go to Maine to purchase land at a high price, because with it they get a larger free market.

The Standard says, in large type: "The United States would preserve its own home market and slaughter ours with its surplus products." If the Standard can tell how this could be done it is withholding a most valuable secret.

The Conservatives who have been telling the workmen that reciprocity would greatly increase the cost of living listened with consternation while Mr. Sifton glutted the markets and sent the cost of living down. They didn't expect that from Mr. Sifton. He has made it very awkward for Mr. Powell's canvassers.

If the American commissioners who went to Ottawa with an offer of reciprocity had been shown the door by the government, what would Mr. Borden have said? He would have taunted them with spending millions to get "markets at the ends of the earth, while they rejected the valuable market at their doors."

If any of the working men of St. John have the same game tried upon them as is being played in Hamilton by the Conservative workers, namely assertions that the reciprocity agreement will admit freely the products of United States factories, let them tell their informants that they are stating that which is absolutely false.

If the people of the United States were ignorant of the nature of the tory campaign they might be led to believe that the annexation of Canada was a light and easy task, involving no serious effort on their part. But they are not deceived, any more than the Canadian people, by the tactics of tory vote hunters.

The Portland, Maine, Argus says that the protected interests of the United States are said to have contributed \$5,000,000 to the anti-reciprocity campaign fund in Canada, and adds that "the Laurier government is fighting the protected interests of Canada and the United States combined."

What a pity Mr. Sifton is not in the west trying to save the unhappy farmers of the present and future in that great agricultural region. Why does he come down where lumber and fish want a larger free market, and where farmers can look across the border and see for themselves what a larger market means for those who have it.

In its editorial bulletin MacLean's Magazine for September says:

"One month from the date of issue of this magazine, Sir Wilfrid Laurier shall have been sentenced—to defeat or to new glories. This is a feature in the present political campaign which is being overlooked—the fate of a personality. Reciprocity is all very well; Canada, young, strong, ambitious and wealthy, will survive it anyway, whether reciprocity be carried or rejected; whether it is a wrong move for the nation or a right one. But if Laurier is defeated the whole British Empire will feel the shock. For Laurier is, and must be, to either Liberals or Conservatives, a factor in the making or unmaking of the Empire. If he falls, as the Conservative party hopes and expects, the ends of the English-speaking earth will pause to look and wonder."

WRONG DEPARTMENT

"I want a pair of shoes that will be plenty large enough," she said, as the clerk looked into her and one to find the number.

"In that case," he replied, "perhaps you had better step over into the men's department."—Chicago Record Herald.

And some church members seem to think it is up to the minister to make good for the entire congregation.



WHEN I GET TIME

When I get time I'm going to write
A poem great and fine;
I'll pour my very heart and soul
Into its every line.
It shall be called my masterpiece,
By it I'll stand or fall;
And in the age yet to come
It will be praised by all.

I've studied deep of human life,
I've sought the ways of men,
And all because I want to draw
Them with my sharpened pen.
I want to sway the plastic world;
By thoughts and words sublime;
And try to make it better, too,
And will, when I get time.

Alas! The years have come and gone,
And each succeeding day
Has added cares already wrought,
And time has slipped away.
The masterpiece I fain would write,
I fear will be but rhyme;
Because the more of years I live
The less I have of time.—Joe Cone.

IN LIGHTER VEIN



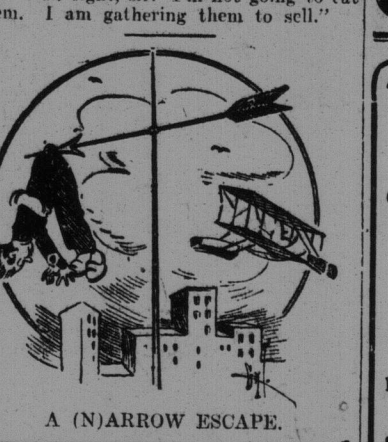
ONLY WAY HE KNEW.
Minister—My good man, how do you go to the Police Station?
Jimmy Crackcase—Usually in the patrol wagon.



ECONOMICAL COMPLIMENTS.
"Before you kiss me, Horace, let me tell you that Fred has given Kitty a diamond ring. You have never given me one."
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—Chicago Record Herald.

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