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sent is recognised many Canadian cities will be governed by pire has spoken, and lifted the discussion So far as St. John is concerned, no civic of the proposed trade agreement with the United States to a higher plane. Brushing as much interest among all classes of citizappeals, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has with consummate skill met and refuted the main arguments of the opposition and made it clear to every thoughtful and unprejudiced mind that reciprocity, on the terms proposed, will not injuriously affect any great interest but will be alike beneficial to Cannot be supported in connection which will considered the main arguments of the opposition and made it clear to every thoughtful and unprejudiced mind classes of citizappeals, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has with consummate skill met and refuted the main any civic election as is now being developed in connection with the commission plebiscite. Before the end of the present week there will be in every ward the nucleus of an organization which will considered the main as much interest among all classes of citization with any civic election as is now being developed in connection with the commission plebiscite. Before the end of the present week there will be in every ward the nucleus of an organization which will considered the main and costliest buildings or shops selling goods from the rest of the earth. Nor the place of the best libraries and schools, nor the place where money is plentiest. Nor the place of the most numerous population.

interest but will be alike beneficial to Canada and the empire.

Sir Wilfrid has little patience with those little Canadians who fear that this country would be influenced by trade conditions to forget her loyalty to the British empire. He points out with great clearness and force that the policy now proposed, has always been favored in Canada. The conly reason it was not sooner adopted was that the United States government, until Mr. Taft became president, consistently opposed any closer trade relations with Canada. That part of Sir Wilfrid's speech speech affairs.

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This has been proved in the case of so where fierce men and women pour forth, as the sea to the whistle of death pours its sweeping and unript waves. maps needs most emphasis at the present many cities which have adopted the plan that it is useless for any person to atwild and reckless assertions and seeking to play upon national prejudices for political purposes. Sir Wilfrid points out that when trade was freest between Canada and the United States there was least talk about the possibility of political union. He points out also that there is nothing in the proposed agreement which reality and it is useless for any person to attempt a denial, Hence those aldermen who have the interests of the city at heart stands; Where the city of the cleanliness of the sexes stands; Where the city of the healthiest fathers stands; Where the city of the healthiest fathers stands; Where the city of the best bodied mothers out also that there is nothing in the proposed agreement which would favor the adoption of the commission plan and should throw the weight of the points out also that there is nothing in the proposed agreement which would favor the adoption of the commission plan and should throw the weight of the points out also that there is nothing in the proposed agreement which would favor the adoption of the commission plan and should throw the weight of the city of the healthiest fathers stands;

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any one portion of Canada feel in the affairs of the whole country. He rightly declares that any suggestion that closer trade relations would tend toward political mion is an insult to the loyal people of Canada. Quoting the assertion of the Toronto board of trade that Canada would be forced to still closer trade relations with the United States and that thus it would

forced to still closer trade relations with the United States, and that thus it would be more difficult to avert political union with the United States, Sir Wilfrid said:

"Well, if Canada could be forced, what would force her? Nations there have been which in the face of great emergency, great national calamity, would rise to the occasion and even the women would throw their jewels and ornaments into the common fund for the protection of the country. But we are told here by Canadian Tories that if an economic crisis were to arise in which their pockets would be linable to suffer they would hesitate between arise in which their pockets would be li-able to suffer they would hesitate between their pockets and their leveltr."

There is, however, another aspect of

land, we Canadians have set our hearts upon building up a nation without separation; that in this task we are already far advanced with our institutions, with our national identity as a people and with everything that constitutes a nation to which we are just as devoted as you are to be made during this year to beautify the city. Trees and vines and flowers will be planted to improve the aspect of the streets. What about the back-yards and the alleys as children's playgrounds? Does it seem right that so much care should be we are just as proud as you are, and that rather than part with our national existence we would part with our lives." ence we would part with our lives."

The Canadian premier, looking to the future, sees what he regards as a nobler spectacle than that of a united continent. It is that of two great nations living side perfect harmony and mutual confidence,

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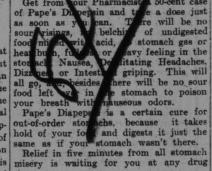
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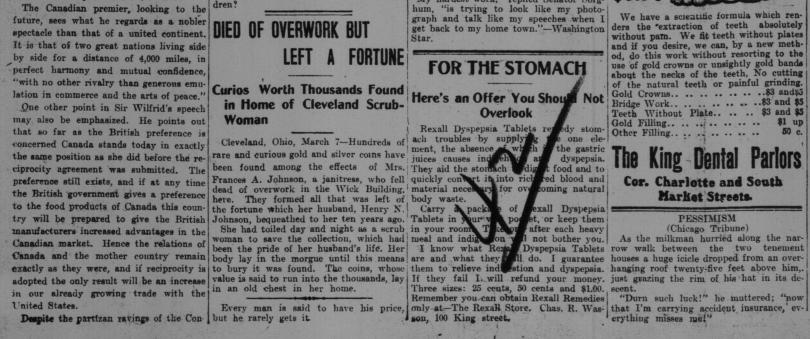
Again, referring to those persons in the United States who still have a lingering notion that Canada may some day desire political union, Sir Wilfrid, directing his remarks to them, says:

"Remember that if you have founded a nation upon a separation from the mother land, we Canadians have set our hearts upon building up a nation without separation."

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