

FURTHER DESERTIONS FROM LIBERAL RANKS

Prominent Men Refuse to Support Hon. W. S. Fielding in Own Constituency.

E. M. Bill and W. P. Purney, formerly Active Liberal Workers, Repudiate the Pact--McCurdy's Chances Good.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Sept. 7.—The campaign in Shelburne-Queens, where F. B. McCurdy is opposing Hon. W. S. Fielding, is proceeding with unwonted swing, and it looks very much as if the minister of finance would be defeated. So far as is known, there are no defections from the Conservative ranks, but the Liberals have lost a number of prominent men, who refuse to follow their party on the reciprocity pact.

At a public meeting in Shelburne last night E. M. Bill, K. C., who at the recent provincial elections stumped the country in the interest of the Liberal party in Shelburne, announced that he could not follow his party on the reciprocity issue, and from now until election day, he would bend his best efforts towards the defeat of the government.

W. P. Purney who was a Liberal candidate at the provincial elections in Shelburne-Queens, following the Liberal party on reciprocity, he said the pact meant the slaughter by competition of our fish prices on the wharves of Boston and Gloucester, and that the home market would be injured by the gigantic American fish trust, which could then freely work in Canada as well as in the United States.

FIRST GRAIN SHIPMENT. Fort William, Ont., Sept. 7.—The first shipment of the season's new crop, 13,000 bushels, was shipped out today on C. P. R. steamer Athabasca 2 northern, and showed a very good sample for the first arrivals.

PUGSLEY'S DESPICABLE TACTICS

That Mr. Pugsley realizes he is in imminent danger of defeat and that some drastic measure must be taken to stem the rising tide of opposition is given abundant proof by his having authorized the circulation of a pamphlet containing Mr. Powell's speech in 1896 on Remedial Legislation. The pamphlet, which has been issued from the printing office of George E. Day, one of Mr. Pugsley's supporters, has been sent broadcast throughout the city with the evident intention of stampeding the Orange body against Mr. Powell.

It will be recalled that at one stage in Mr. Pugsley's checkered political career, in 1896, he was nominated in King's County as a Conservative and subsequently withdrew his acceptance to run in opposition to the Remedial Bill in St. John. That his election at that time was won on a race and creed campaign has evidently impressed Mr. Pugsley and he is at this late date resorting to the same despicable means to discredit his opponent.

Mr. Pugsley's attempt must fail of its object. He is resurrecting ancient history. It is common knowledge that a majority of the Orangemen were out in opposition to the Conservative candidates in 1896 and accomplished their defeat. It is equally well known that the French Canadians are today openly hostile to the Liberal party and will contribute to a large extent in the coming downfall of the Laurier Government. This is a live issue and much more to the point. Orangemen today realize that the Manitoba School Question was disposed of by the electors of Canada fifteen years ago. It cannot be galvanized into life even by such a magician as Mr. Pugsley.

The present election is unique in many respects. It marks a wonderful and happy reunion of all sections of the community for a common object—the defence of Canada from aggressions by the United States. Party ties, race distinctions, differences in creed are being forgotten. Orangemen and Roman Catholics are today standing side by side to protect the trade and independence of Canada. They meet on the common ground of loyalty to British Connection and the British Empire. If Mr. Pugsley is so small-minded that he does not realize the situation he will ere long be enlightened.

Canada is making history today, not resurrecting it.

DON'T SPLIT YOUR BALLOTS

The Liberals are already on the run. The canvass is being openly made all over the city "Vote for Pugsley and Daniel—give a vote to the Minister of Public Works." Conservatives are warned not to split their ballots. Reports from all over Canada indicate the coming defeat of the Laurier Administration. Mr. H. N. Sharp, a commercial traveller and a Liberal in politics, who has been covering Quebec territory, writes this week to his firm in St. John: "Nine out of every ten men I meet here are opposed to Reciprocity. By the outlook the Conservatives have a good chance of being returned to power." St. John must get in line. This city and county need two representatives, Daniel and Powell, to support the incoming Conservative Government. DON'T SPLIT YOUR BALLOTS. Make it a clean sweep this time.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR PIUS MICHAUD

Andover, Sept. 7.—Pius Michaud, the Liberal candidate here, finds himself in such difficulties, that he has been compelled to call in the assistance of Messrs. Pugsley and Carvell. The first mentioned of these two gentlemen, promptly forsook his own constituency and rushed to the rescue, speaking at Grand Falls last evening. Mr. Carvell, of Carleton county, is booked to speak on Tuesday at Four Falls. He will be assisted by Porter Manzer, Ltd., of Woodstock, who are taking along W. P. Jones as legal adviser. The situation here is becoming acute for the Liberals, and the fact that speakers have been induced to leave the fight in St. John and Carleton to help bolster up a lost cause, is evidence of the straits to which the Liberal candidates are reduced.

NO RETURN TICKET



AGENT LAURIER—"You try it for a year, and if you don't like it then, jump off the train and walk back."—From the Toronto News.

KIPLING'S MESSAGE TO THE CANADIAN PEOPLE

"It is her own soul that Canada risks today. Once that soul is pawned, for any consideration, Canada must inevitably conform to the commercial, legal, financial, social and ethical standards of the United States," says Rudyard Kipling.

The Montreal Star (Independent) has received the following special cable from its London correspondent:

London, Sept. 7.—Mr. Rudyard Kipling sends the following message to the Canadian people through the Montreal Star:

"Bateman's, Burwash, Sussex, England, Sept. 6. "To the Editor of the Montreal Star:

"I do not understand how nine million people can enter into such arrangements as are proposed with ninety million strangers on an open frontier of four thousand miles, and at the same time preserve the National integrity.

"Ten to one is too heavy odds. No single Canadian would accept such odds in any private matter that was as vital to him personally as this issue is to the Nation.

"It is her own soul that Canada risks today. Once that soul is pawned for any consideration, Canada must inevitably conform to the commercial, legal, financial, social and ethical standards which will be imposed upon her by the sheer admitted weight of the United States.

"She might, for example, be compelled later on to admit Reciprocity in the murder rate of the United States, which at present, I believe, is something over one hundred and fifty per million per annum.

"If the proposals had been made a generation ago, or if the Dominion were today poor, depressed, and without hope, one would perhaps understand their being discussed; but Canada is none of these things. She is a nation, and as the lives of nations are reckoned, will ere long be among the great nations.

"Why, then, when she has made herself what she is, should she throw the enormous gifts of her inheritance and her future into the hands of a people, who by their haste and waste, have so dissipated their own resources that even before national middle age they are driven to seek virgin lands for cheaper food and living?

"Whatever the United States may gain, and I presume that the United States proposals are not wholly altruistic, I see nothing for Canada in Reciprocity except a little ready money which she does not need, and a very long repentance.

(Signed) "RUDYARD KIPLING."

OLD LIBERAL SEES DEFEAT FOR HIS PARTY

Samuel Oliver, Returned from Upper Canadian Cities, Wouldn't Bet on Government's Chance of Winning.

The Liberals themselves are being convinced that on Thursday, September 21st, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government will be hurled from power by an indignant electorate who decline to allow Yankee toleration in Canadian affairs and Yankee control and manipulation of the Canadian home market.

Samuel Owen, a well known Fredericton merchant, who is one of the prominent old time Liberals left in the party in York county, has recently returned from a business trip to Toronto, Montreal and other Canadian cities, and now states that he is convinced that the Laurier government is beaten.

For years past Mr. Owen has followed election campaigns closely and he has been very successful in selecting the winners in the various contests, his good judgment in this respect proving very profitable in his wagers on the results. Today Mr. Owen declared that it is not a good even-money betting proposition that the Laurier government will be sustained and he looks to see his party

MR. HAZEN CREATES GREAT IMPRESSION

Coles Island, Sept. 6.—Hon. J. D. Hazen addressed an anti-reciprocity meeting here last night. The attendance was five times as large as at the meeting addressed by Senator King a few nights before, and the reciprocity accorded the premier was a very enthusiastic one.

People were present from Highfield, Goshen, Cody's and other outlying places. Mr. Hazen's exhaustive argument on the reciprocity pact created a splendid impression, and at the close of the meeting many electors who had not committed themselves before expressed their intention of voting for Mr. Smith.

INSTEAD OF GIVING THE UNITED STATES WIDER SCOPE WE SHOULD GIVE THEM A WIDER BERTH.

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ECONOMIC RESOURCES AT MERCY OF REPUBLIC

THE LATE DR. A. A. STOCKTON

In the course of a speech supporting Reciprocity at the Queen's Rink on Wednesday evening, Dr. Silas Alward, who is once again in the Liberal ranks, made the statement that if the late Dr. A. A. Stockton were alive today he would be standing by the speaker's side on that occasion. This barefaced attempt to couple the honored name of the late Dr. Stockton with the present policy of the Laurier Government is keenly resented by his family and friends, and is regarded not only as entirely unwarranted, but in the worst possible taste. Whatever opinions Dr. Alward may hold on the public issues of the day are his own affair. In presuming to speak for the late Dr. Stockton, he only emphasized the weakness and isolation of his own position. It is understood that a request has been made to Dr. Alward not to associate Dr. Stockton's name in future with his own attitude in this political campaign.

VICTORY IS CERTAIN ON THE ISLAND

Laurier Meeting Had Wrong Effect on Electors Who Now Take Inspiration From Mr. Borden.

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 7.—The political outlook in Prince Edward Island is most promising to the Conservatives. The confidence of all has increased greatly since the Laurier-Fielding meeting, which had a very depressing effect on the Liberals. In Charlottetown there is every indication of heavy Conservative gains, and reports from the country are assuring to the Opposition.

Laurier's refusal to discuss the tunnel and transportation question is worth hundreds of votes against the government. Bets are being freely offered that reciprocity cannot carry a seat in this province, or at least not more than one out of the four.

There is great interest in the Borden meeting here tomorrow night, which will be held in Market Hall. The county candidate was also heard. There is great confidence in Conservative ranks.

WILL HOLD THREE CONTESTS SEPT. 25

Gaspe, Chicoutimi and Saguenay will Poll on that Date—Report of Impending Shuffle in Cabinet.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 7.—September 25 has been fixed as the date of the election in Gaspe, Chicoutimi and Saguenay. W. E. Flynn will oppose Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux in Gaspe. No date has been set for the usually deferred elections in Prince Albert and MacKenzie. It is rumored in political circles here today that Leighton McCarthy may succeed Sir Allen Aylesworth as minister of justice.

In this event Hugh Guthrie would probably be taken into the cabinet to succeed either Sir Richard Cartwright or Hon. Wm. Paterson. Sir Allen Aylesworth and Hon. G. P. Graham will speak here with Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Liberal rally on September 18.

NO INQUEST WILL BE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE HOW THE PACT MET ITS DEATH BLOW.

Under Reciprocity, Says Mr. H. A. Powell, in Victoria Rink, Last Evening.

John E. Wilson and Miles E. Agar, also Attacked the Agreement Before Packed House -- Great Enthusiasm.

A large attendance and great enthusiasm marked the meeting held in the Victoria rink last evening in the interests of the Conservative party. Spirited addresses were delivered by H. A. Powell, John E. Wilson, M. P. P., and Miles E. Agar, and the applause evoked by their arguments against the reciprocity pact left no doubt as to the temper of the people of Victoria ward. The city candidate met with a splendid reception, and was repeatedly urged to continue his address. In a convincing manner he showed that the reciprocity pact was the result of a conspiracy of the overlords of the republic to divert Canadian trade to American channels and ultimately obtain control of our economic resources. He called attention to the policy of the Conservative party in connection with the ports of Canada, declaring that if Mr. Borden was returned to power he would at once nationalize the port of St. John and return to the city the money it has expended to provide facilities for handling the winter trade of Canada.

Mr. Agar made an able speech after pointing out that the progressive policies of the old Conservative government had set in motion such great developments that all the Liberal party when it arrived at power would do was to let things take their course. He remarked that the Liberal leaders showed their reckless character, their indifference to or ignorance of the economic needs of the country, by rushing into the reciprocity pact without consideration or without even consulting their own followers.

"Sir Wilfrid," he said, "used to say in the old days, that he did not understand economics, and that the questions of economics to Sir Richard Cartwright. And he showed that he had no knowledge of the economic needs of Canada in rushing into this pact."

Mr. Agar then took up the statement in the Times that none of the Conservative leaders believed that reciprocity would lead to annexation.

"I believe," he said, "that the people living in Canada today are loyal. But we will not live forever. Generations to come may not be so imbued with the sentiment of loyalty as we are, especially if they grow up under conditions which would bring them in more intimate relations with the United States than with the Mother Country. Then there is another consideration which will have weight with those who wish to see Canada remain within the Empire. Immigrants are pouring into the Canada from all parts of the world. Our new settlers from foreign countries have no sentimental attachment to the British crown, and the only tie which will serve to bind them to the Mother Country is the bond of trade. Upon us rests the great responsibility of assimilating these new comers, and maintaining conditions calculated to make them loyal to the British connection. In a few years they may outnumber the British born within our borders.

"Even if the reciprocity pact does not assail our nationality, even if it is not likely to influence the loyalty of the present generation of Canadian born, it is dangerous. No matter how loyal we may be we cannot hand down our loyalty to our children; we cannot rest assured that the foreign born population will be so faithful to our present ideals.

"As presented to us by the American statesmen the pact is an insult. When the Americans offer us an agreement, which they deliberately say is a means to annexation, there is only one answer we should make. The imperialism of concentrated wealth in the United States, the expressed determination of the American trust makers to get possession of our natural resources, are matters we cannot ignore. In the light of the purposes brazenly expressed, I say that I believe that the ultimate result of the adoption of this reciprocity pact would be annexation.

James Seaton presided at the meeting. John E. Wilson, M. P. P., the first speaker was well received. At the meeting in Queens Rink he said part of the time was taken up telling of the great things done for St. John by Mr. Pugsley. But no reference was made to the great injustice done the city of St. John by building the Transcontinental Railway to Moncton and ignoring the natural advantages of St. John as a terminus. If the Transcontinental had been built along the natural route, the people of this province would have been called upon to assume the great

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