

WHITE REPLIES TO DR. REASON

Present Member Declares
Every Effort Made To
Secure Redistribution.

At a meeting of Conservative workers of wards one and two last night at the Conservative rooms in the interests of Frank White, candidate for the federal parliament, the rooms were well filled, and speeches were made by Mr. White and Dr. Cameron Wilson, president of the London Conservative association, Mrs. James M. Chalmers and Mrs. Fortner spoke for the Conservative women.

Dr. Wilson was quite confident that the Conservatives would win in London, and also in all the three Essex ridings. He said the party was counting on twenty seats in Quebec. Mr. White took occasion to reply to Dr. Clifford Reason's speech at the Liberal convention, in which he said that if Mr. White had been on the job London might have had the meeting instead of one in the new parliament. Mr. White said that by the unit of population London would have to have 72,000 people to have the same number as the official census showed the city to have 62,000.

"I was on the job," said Mr. White, "I went to H. T. A. Lowe, who was chairman of the redistribution committee, and later, when he resigned, to Hon. H. B. McGivern, who succeeded him." He brought his case before the Progressive members for Middlesex also, suggesting that the line be made at Adelaide street, adding that district to East Middlesex, and giving Westminster township to West Middlesex. He claimed that this redistribution would have given London roughly 42,000 voters, East Middlesex 32,000, and West Middlesex 30,000. "However, the Progressive members voted with the others, resulting in the present situation," he said. "I have opposed to me Liberal and Labor candidates, but the party he represents, as for the Labor candidate, I have worked all my life, and feel I am capable of representing Labor at Ottawa."

Mr. White said that the Progressives as a party would never lead Canada, and he felt that their influence was on the wane.

BYRON UNITED CHURCH FOUNDED FORTY YEARS

Anniversary Will Be Observed
With Special Services
Sunday.

Byron United church will celebrate its 40th anniversary next Sunday, when Rev. J. E. J. Millard, Wesleyan church, London, son of the second pastor of the church, will conduct the afternoon service. Rev. George Oliver, Melbourne, will assist the pastor. Rev. T. A. Steadman, by preaching in the evening.

Byron church was built in 1885 as part of the Westminster circuit, with Rev. Edwin Holmes as minister and St. Silson, P. Nelson and Joseph Cassidy as the building committee. Three members of the original congregation, Mrs. M. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cassidy, are still living. Rev. Reuben Millard became pastor of the church in 1896 and served there for three years in the church which now with Sharon and Glendale forms the Byron circuit.

Special music will be provided at the anniversary services by the Byron church choir, assisted by A. L. Christiani and Charles Auld, both of London.

PAYS COURT COSTS FOR DAMAGING WALK

Frank Snell Declares Practice
Common Among Local
Teamsters.

Frank Snell, a teamster, paid court costs of \$7 this morning for failing to put proper planking on a sidewalk when he wished to drive a team over it. Mr. Snell, although admitting that one wheel of the wagon had gone off the planking and chipped off the sidewalk, was quite indignant that he should be haled to court.

"I wish you would serve all teamsters alike," he told the court. "I would go out and get twenty today who are doing the same as I did," he said.

"In that case it is your duty to report them. We are constantly getting complaints from the city engineer's department about this thing," said Magistrate Grayson, who informed the defendant that that was where the complaint against him originated.

MARKET WEIGH SCALES NOW BEING REPAIRED

A gap, around which boards have been placed, designates the spot where formerly the city weigh scales were. Upon inquiry, it is found that they are only temporarily out of use, being at present in use by Thine's shop having the bearings, which were rounded by continual strain, re-ground.

The scales were taken out last Saturday and removed to the machine shop, where they are being repaired. It is expected that they will be replaced and ready for use by Thursday. All weighing is now being done at the D. S. Perrin & Co's plant.

ALLEGED SPEEDER FAILS TO APPEAR IN COURT

Robert Tichbourne failed to appear this morning when his name was called in police court to answer a charge of speeding.

The magistrate allowed two days grace, and if Tichbourne does not appear by then, a warrant will be issued.

BLAKE FOUGHT HIGH TARIFF SUPPORTED LAURIER IN 1911

Protection Route To Annexation,
Great Statesman
Declared.

GRANDSON WRITES

That Edward Blake was not only uninterruptedly the opponent of protection, but that he was in 1911 a supporter of the policy of reciprocity advocated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier is revealed in a letter written by Mr. E. H. Blake, grandson of Edward Blake, to the Toronto Mail and Empire in reply to an editorial article which appeared in that paper last Friday.

Mr. Blake's letter follows:

Toronto, Oct. 9th, 1925.

The Editor, the Daily Mail and Empire.

Sir,—In your issue of Friday, October 9th, under the editorial heading, "But Blake Was a Great-Minded Canadian," you suggest that Edward Blake retired from political life in Canada because he had become a supporter of the policy of high protection then, as now, advocated by the Conservative party; and you infer that he was a supporter of the policy of "freer trade" that is being advanced in Durham by the Honorable Vincent Massey.

I support these suggestions and inferences by the following quotations from the letter addressed by Edward Blake to the West Durham Reform convention on February 6, 1891, in which, as you truly remark, he set forth "very clearly" the ground of his condemnation of the Liberal platform of that day—the platform of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States.

Attitude Misunderstood.

To anyone familiar with the full text of the West Durham letter, it is clear that your editorial writer has fallen into a most serious misapprehension of Edward Blake's attitude.

A comparison of the quotations in question with the letter itself suggests that this misapprehension is due to your reliance upon some incomplete and garbled reproduction of the letter.

Your first quotation, for example, which is printed as a continuous paragraph and indicates no omissions or alterations, is made up as follows:

The first two sentences are taken from paragraph 25 of the letter with a very vital omission: the third sentence is a subordinate clause from paragraph 26, and the fourth sentence is a subordinate clause from the first sentence of paragraph 16.

If you will take the trouble to compare the original sentence restored to their proper contexts, I think you will find that the misapprehension of the new combination is completely unjustified. The subsequent quotations, while only in their conclusion exhibiting the patching up of the letter, the first, have been removed bodily from the center of the letter; and, although prefaced by a sentence, the sentence in question is a subordinate clause from the first sentence of paragraph 16.

It is a matter of fact that the argument contained in the West Durham letter is directed entirely to a specific proposal, a proposal described by Edward Blake as himself an "unjustified commercial, and possibly political union with the United States. It is an argument, consequently, that can only be made in relation to the proposal to its particular object, and in its entirety. Since, apart from your own disposition to examine it, the subject of the letter is a matter of fact, evoking periodically inaccurate public comment, perhaps you will, "in justice to Blake," allow me the space for a short summary of the argument, with references to the letter itself, which on account of its length, I can scarcely ask you to publish in full, but an accurate copy of which I enclose for verification.

After opening paragraphs dealing with personal considerations created by the election, the argument (which I enclose for verification) runs as follows:

(1) A moderate revenue tariff, approximating to free trade with the world, and coupled with liberal provisions for reciprocal free trade with the States would be, in practice, the best policy for Canada.

(2) The Conservative policy of the States is to decline a limited reciprocity, so that what would be best is not now obtainable. (Section 7.)

(3) Tory Policy Failed.

The Conservative policy has failed. Its real tendency has been towards "disintegration and annexation," and it has led to a small population, an extravagant system of expenditure, and "an unjust and oppressive tariff," with lowered standards of public virtue, "debauched constituencies," and "corrupted and corrupting classes." (Section 8 and 9.)

(4) The revival in Great Britain of some and colonial agricultural protection is unlikely to provide a remedy, as Britain is not going to be so blind as to abandon her policy of free trade. (Sections 10 and 11.)

(5) There are indications, however, that the United States tariff will soon be readjusted on a basis more moderate than the present one, and may eventually approach what is known as a revenue tariff. Having regard to this expectation, and the fact that the United States, secured for a long term of years, would give us in practice "the great blessing of a measure of free trade," and that it "would strike hard some spinning and exotic industries wholly tariff born, tariff bred and tariff sustained," it is a constitutional advantage to the general congregate public." (Sections 12 and 13.)

(6) Assuming consent on the part of the States, the financial remains the financial difficulty; even with differential duties against the United Kingdom, the gaps in our revenue would be very great, and "of the financial problem presented by unrestricted reciprocity, I have seen no solution which would not leave us without a great deficit." (Section 14.)

(7) But a feasible plan involves more than differential duties against

Sinking Vessel Is Abandoned

Canadian Press Despatch.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 13.—The schooner Emily of Parrsboro, N. S., from St. Pierre for Nassau, was abandoned in a sinking condition in latitude 43.43 north, 61.45 west, but when last seen was making southeast with foresail set, according to advices to the fisheries agency here from the steamer Caspa, which rescued the crew. The vessel was reported a menace to navigation.

The United Kingdom, it involves assimilation of the tariff of Canada and the United States, and unrestricted reciprocity becomes, in these, its redeeming features, difficult to distinguish from commercial union. (Sections 15 and 16.)

Permanence Essential.

(7) But permanence in this relation of commercial union is absolutely essential (this is the cardinal part of your second quotation is to be found) and permanence is impossible. "I see no plan for combining the two elements of the treaty of the tariff, which does not involve the practical control of the latter by the States." (Section 17-18-19.)

(8) Moreover, the establishment of differential duties against the United Kingdom would seriously affect imperial relations, and the tendency in Canada would be towards not merely commercial but political union with the States. On their side the States might be inclined to use the treaty as a vantage ground for securing the unification of the continent, towards which their public opinion to some extent looks. (Sections 20 to 25.)

"Assuming that absolute free trade with the States, best described as commercial union, may and ought to come, I believe that it can and should come only as an incident, or at any rate, as a well understood precursor of political union, with which you do not even conceive yourselves to be dealing, how can I properly recommend you now to decide on commercial union?"

In conclusion, I am able to state that this summary, inadequate though it is, should still leave any person in doubt about Edward Blake's attitude towards the proposal of a commercial union with the United States. A doubt that would instantly be removed by reference to the letter itself, the evidence of members of the family and of associations still alive who were familiar with his views is clear and unescapable.

Edward Blake was not only a supporter of the policy of high protection; but he was in 1911 a supporter of the policy of restricted reciprocity advocated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and it is a matter of fact that that campaign that prevented him from contradicting publicly the misapprehension of his position, came from many protectionist platforms.

E. H. BLAKE.

Prominent Church Member.

No reference to Mr. Mitchell would be complete without some comment on his deep devotion to the church, and his active participation in its work.

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