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THE SUGAR DUTIES.

A Montreal merchant, Mr. John Pinder, who is Liberal in politics, writes to the Gazette, exposing the hypocrisy of the Laurier party in regard to the sugar tariff, In 1896 Mr. Pinder heard Sir Wilfrid in Windsor Hall fiercely denouncing the sugar duties and the amount of protection which the Canadian refiner received from the Conservative government. For eighteen years the refiners were denounced by Liberals as "sugar barons" and "robbers of the people,"

Mr. Pinder proceeds to say:-Well, the Liberal government has since come into power, and as a Liberal I would like to know what has been done ingregard to the protective duties on sugar. Simply this, the Canadian refiner has more protection to-day than he had under the Conservative government.

When the Conservatives were in power the duty on raw sugar was 50 cents per 100 lbs., and the duty on refined \$1.14, giving a protection of 64

cents per 100 lbs. When the Liberals made their first revision of the tariff, the duty was made 50 cents on raw and one dollar on refined. This reduced the protection fourteen cents per 100 lbs., and was on the same lines as the one cent per gallon reduction on coal oil. However, we were told that the tariff was to be reduced gradually, and I, like a good many other Liberals, believed that this was the intention of the present government. The next alteration of the tariff, however, effectively dispelled this illusion, The sugar duties were once more altered, and this time the Canadian refiner had cause to rejoice. The new sugar tariff was based on the saccharine test of the sugar. The consequence is that the highest grade of raw sugar now pays a duty of 71 cents, less the preferential reduction of onethird, making it 48 cents against \$1.27 on refined. This gives a protection of 80 cents per 100 lbs., against 'the Conservative protection of 64 cents per 100 lbs. It is quite trud that the preferential tariff applies to refined sugars as we'll as raw, but there are no refined sugars produced in the West Indies, and it is impossible to import refined sugars into Canada and obtain the benefit of the preferential tariff.

I would like MF. Editor, to give a practical-illustration of how the present sugar tariff works. Last year, during the reign of the present illustrious, Liberal government, l'imported. 500 barrels of refined sugar syrup from Philadelphia, and this is how the importation reads in my cost book, namely :-

July 11, 1899-544 brls. syrup-29,335 gallons-at 9,3-4 Duty at Montreal \$2,678.35 Freight to Montreal 677.75 677.75 3,356.10

Cost laid down in Montreal \$6,226.24 It will be noticed that the above duty is within a fraction of one hundred per cent. on the cost, and the people of Canada are paying 22c. per gallon for an article of food, the original cost of which was 9 3-4c.

Sir Wilfrid Lauvier has in the past talked a good deal about, free trade as it is in England, tariff reform and tariff for revenue. I should like very much to know under which heading the sugar duties belong. The Liberal government cannot say they are not aware of the way in which the present sugar tariff works. The writer placed the above facts before them, but nothing was ever done in the way

THE TRICKERY OF THE PROHIBI-

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's duplicity in thei taking of the prohibition plebiscite was two fo'd. He deceived the people in the first place by giving them to understand that he would carry out the will of the people as ascertained by the plebiscite, and in the second place he did not permit an honest expression of public opinion to be taken. His duplicity on the first count is clearly established by documentary evidence, which speaks for itself. On Oct. 21, 1895, a public meeting was held in Lindsay. The Globe reported the proceedings, and from its report, which appeared the following day, we take the following extract At the conclusion of his (Sir Wilfrid's) speech, which was listened to with profound attention the following letter was put into his hand:

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier: Dear Sir, -Would you be so good as to state what position you will take on the prohibition question, if pacel at the head of the government at the next general election, and oblige, (Signed) Newton Hill, Methodist Minister.

Mr. Laurier said: In regard to this question of prohibition, this is what I have to say: The question of prohibition, is, as you know of very great importance. It engaged the attention of the great Liberal convention which met at Ottawa two years ago to consider the important questions, which affect the Dominion of Canada, and the Liberal party then assembled in convention. came to a conclusion. They Doked upon the question in all its bearings. It is a mighty serious question, and very complex, and, as you know, the Liberal party came to the conclusion that they would em-

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body it in their platform upon which they might go to the country, that as soon as they came into power they as soon as they came into power that ques-tion. That is to say, they would take a vote of the people upon that ques-tion, to ascertain whether the people of Canada are in favor of the prohibi of Canada are in favor of the prohibitory system or not. Gentlemen, I
have only this to say: The policy of
the Liberal party will be faithfully
carried out when they come into power. There shall be a plebiscite and
the will of the people will be ascertained, and whatever the will of the
people may be it will be the duty of
the government to carry that will into
execution.

Rev. Mr. Hill and everyone else who attended that meeting was convinced that Mr. Laurier meant to convey the impression that he would give the country prohibition if the majority of the people voted in favor of prohibi-

SOME POINTED QUESTIONS.

A Pelee Islander puts these pointed questions to M. K. Cowan through the columns of the Leamington Post : When a candidate in 1896 for South Essex, you promised us Free Trade. Have you got it or voted for

You promised free fishing for all who sought it. Have you got it for

the people?
You promised your especial care should be the farmers' interests in the South Riding of Essex. Is free corn to our farmers' interests?
You posed as a friend of the working man. You copied the U.S. alien labor law and introduced it on the floor of the house. Have you carried

it out in your own county, on Peice Island in particular: What about the manager and caretaker of the Peice Club House!—Both Americans; the servants, most of them, also. It this protection to Canadian labor:? from the civil service in order that you might grant favors to your per-sonal friends and gain votes from former Conservation When you removed various person former Conservatives, was it in your own interest or in that of the public who placed power in your hands? What right have you to prostitute your public place to further the ends

of private hate?

Were you in favor of sending the Canadian contingent? If so, did you speak against Mr. Tarte's decree that this should "not be a precedent?"

Do you support Mr. Tarte in his of private hate? Anti-English attitude as laid down in his speeches in France ! If so, are you loyal to either your country or

your race? Do you consider Mr. Tarte av loyal British subject? If you do not, then as M.P. for South Essex why did you not express the loyalty of the con-stituents of whom you are supposed a be the mouth-piece ?

MY SISTER'S BABY

My-baby is full of abounding Tife and joy; my sister's boy is a puny thing.

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## Fletcher is all right.

Mr. Walker now "nose" that references to Hugh John's visage are no appreciated in Fletcher.

Secretary Walter Thrasher will find that votes for stephens cannot be made by smothering free speech. If you are a traitor to the Empir

ote for Tarte via Ald. Stephens. All the other traitors are doing so, why not you?

ridicule the physical imperfections of political opponent. But at the same time it is not good politics.

Several young Germans who came to this country with their parents when they were two, three or five years of age, were ruled out by the Grits at the registration courts on Monday.—Berlin News-Record.

A young man who said he was born in the States of English parents and brought to this country when a child, was allowed to register in Chatham as a British subject.

LAURIER'S WISH.

Toronto Telegram. Sir Wilfrid Laurier probably wishes that he had a few of the bricks he used in making Canada a nation to shy at Hon. John Charlton and H. H.

THE FLAG OF THE BRUCE.

Montreal Star. Some fool appeals have been made o the public against candidates, but that being made in Hamilton, Ont. now against F. Bruce, Conservative, rather takes the medal. He is solemnly accused of trying to keep alive old racial antagonism against the Brit-ish by persisting in flying the red lion of Scotland over his place of business on festive occasions.

SHIELDERS OF CRIMINALS.

Hamilton Spectator. When Tarte peached on his pal, Mc Greevy, the Conservative Government had McGreevy put into jail and tried, convicted and punished, employing Mr. Osler, the cleverest criminal lawyer in Canada, to see that the offender got his deserts. That's what the Tories do with wrongdoers in their party. When a Grit is accused; the government appoints a partisan parliamentary committee or a partisan commission to whitewash the offender, browbeat witnesses, to refuse to hear evidence, to acquit the fellow by hook or by crook. That's what the Grits do with their evildoers.

TARTES TRAITOROUS TONGUE Hamilton Herald, Ind.

Mr. Tarte may be a tower strength to the Liberal cause in Quebec; but in Ontario he is the chief source of weakness. . . When he said that the Canadian people would remain neutral in the event of an Anglo-French war he misrepres sented the spirit of the dominant section of this people, and it is not unnatural that many English-speaking Canadians resent his remark as an insult. When he said that Canada should remain in the empire only so long as she cannot afford to get out of it, he said something which is not inconsistent with good Canadianism, but which is certainly inconsistent with loyalty to the empire. These and similar indiscreet remarks of Mr. Tarte are lamentably foolish because they are unnecessary; What has he or his party gained by them? But there is little doubt that his party has lost thousands of votes by them.

A SONG OF THANKS.

Thankful for strength in strife;
For faith more steadfast than the
stars above;
Thankful that life is life,
And love is love.

Thankful for homes, and herds
That hide the hills; for harvests ultimate;
For the sweet, prattling words
Of children at the gate:

For Hope's "Good morning" and Faith's sweet "Good night," we are realmed in rest, Led by an unspen hand

Frank L. Stanton

USELESS TO LINGER. "I am waiting," said the old codjer,
"to find a friend without fault."
"Take my advice, then," said the
fellow who tells unpleasant truths,
"and cease waiting. Move on. You'll

Ten Thousand Hands Out in Quebec City.

Thirty Quebec Boot and Shoes Factories Will be Closed Un-lees One Side or the Other Yields - Trouble Arose from Engaging One Non-Union Man.

Will Ald. Stephens kindly continue sending John A. Walker out to political meetings. He is a great votegetter—for Smith.

A few more blizzards like that at Fletcher and Ald. Stephens will discover that the state of his health will not permit him to go to the polls.

All honor to the Western Ontario boys in South Africa. They stayed to the last at Roberts' request, while most of the remainder got homesick and wanted to come back.

Mr. Stephens' own loyalty is unquestionable, but he is travelling in mighty bad company. Monet and Bourassa are his fellow-candidates and Tarte his leader.

If Mr. Walker were an Adonis—and he will pardon us for suggesting that he is not—he might with better grace ridicule the physical imporfections of ridicule the ridicular to political imporfections of ridicular to political with the serious strike is on in the boot and shoe industry, which will shut out over 10,000 operatives and will close up some 30 factories.

The trouble started last week in Afred Poirier & Co.'s factory on Josefused to work for weekly wages in preference to piece work. He quit work and his place was filled by a non-union man, which resulted in an immediate strike, which was kept up all week. The manufacturers' Association, recently formed, was appealed to and after consideration of all the facts of the case, decided to ticiqup the whole of the boot and shoe manufacturers' the same in mediate strike, which was kept up all week. The manufacturers' association, recently formed, was appealed to and after consideration of all the facts of the case, decided to ticique the whole of the boot and shoe manufacturing interests until a bett busy with their fall orders, and it is more than likely an amicable settle-ment will be arrived at BITS OF CHINA

Chinese history extends back to 2500

The Chinese began to write books before they migrated from the region south of the Caspian Sea.

Two of the greatest literary produc tions of the Chinese are a dictionary in 5020 volumes and an encyclopoedia in 22,937 volumes. The Emperor is the head of the gov

ernment. Kwang Su, the present emperor (who is rumored to have recently committed suicide), was born in 1871 and

began to reign at the age of 4. The theory of government is patriarchal, the Emperor being called Son, of Heaven and Father of His People. Next in power to the Emperor is the Secretary of State, consisting of eight ministries, each controlling a

certain department of the government. The Tsung-Li-Yamen or Foreign Office is of recent origin and its members are all connected with the other ministries. This body is that with which all foreign nations deal direct-

Many men ir China do not marrythe priests who serve in the temples and those who take up literary pursuits abstaining by choice, while many remain single by reason of their por

The Chinese are essentially cotton consumers, the majority of the people dressing in clothes of that fabric.

public singers slaves bond servants are under the political ban, and may not hold public office. The first Protestant missionary in China was Rev. Dr. Robert Morrison, who was sent out by the London Missionary Society in 1807.

The Chinese study phrenology, judging a man by the development of his forehead and a woman by the form and size of the back of her cranium. The Chinese are remarkable as a nation for their carefully preserved historical annals, even from the most remote period of antiquity. The first mention of pottery is found in the reign of the Emperor Hoang-ti in 2698, before the Christian era. Porcelian was made under the Han Dynasty 185 B. C., at least 1600 years before it was known to the Western countries of the

The garments of Oriental women are not subject to change of fashion—the shape always the same, from generation to generation, and for this reason their wardrobes are very extensive. It is claimed that in some respects that of the Countéss Li is unequaled in modern times. It includes 500 robes or outgarments, made from the finest selected skins procurable, and in length reaching her feet. In addition to these are coats and trouserettes fashioned from heavily wrought brocades and the richest silks and satins counting into hundreds in

China is the land where everything is upside down. Thus in Canton the women act as sallors and boatsmen, while the men are employed as chambermaids, laundresses and seamstresses. In salutation the Chinaman shakes his own hand instead of that of his visitor. As a mark of respect he puts his hat on instead of taking it off. Their signboards are perpendicular in-stead of borizontal. In reading Chinese print it is necessary to begin at the right-hand side at the bottom and read to the left and up.

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