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Acting Secretary's Report Shows a Very Successful Year—Addresses.

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SENATOR MACDONALD'S POSITION.

The mover of the resolution to give the Stikine Railway bill the six months' hoist is evidently not in the humor which will allow a few insignificant signs like ciphers to stand in the way of his justification of his position. He says no lobbying was done by railway companies or other parties against the bill; that "the opposition arose entirely from the Conservative party in its desire to reserve for the people property worth \$100,000,000, which the government of Laurier would have handed over for nothing."

It is not surprising that Senator Macdonald, on account of his associations with the school of politicians who were responsible for the Pacific scandal and many other later and equally grave ones, should suspect that there was a great deal on in which some one was to have a rake-off. They would have improved such a golden opportunity for the replenishment of their election and private funds, and just as it is said to be impossible to convince a knave that there is an honest man in the world, so it appears to be impossible for some of our Conservative friends to conceive of the existence of an upright public man.

Senator Macdonald says no lobbying was done by any railway company or other parties against the bill, yet we distinctly remember that there was one Livernash, a correspondent of a yellow journal of San Francisco, who addressed the senators in opposition to the all-Canadian line. This gentleman was said to be a very fluent speaker, he claimed to be a delegate from the miners of the Yukon country, although he knew nothing of mining and had only been a month or two in the country at the time of his selection as the mouthpiece of the American malcontents. It afterwards developed that Mr. Livernash was in the employ of the Alaska Commercial Company and that he was paid by them to convince the majority of the senators that the only practicable route to take goods into the Yukon country was by way of St. Michael and the Yukon river. In Senator Macdonald's case he appears to have succeeded, while in the minds of others he created visions of a line from the eastern side of the Rockies.

In his letter to the Colonist Senator Macdonald says "it is untrue to say we are, or were, opposed to any scheme to connect the Yukon with British Columbia, the reverse being the case." The following remarks of Conservative senators are taken from the reports of the debates:

in view of its numbers, was treated as a joke, but it has profited by the mistakes of the local Conservative leaders, and has gained steadily in public opinion. Whatever charges may be laid at the door of the Liberal party in this section of the riding it cannot be said that its officers have made it the tool of any particular class, nor have they antagonized any considerable section of the electorate by challenging their votes, as a party, in a contest in which party lines were not drawn. From a Conservative point of view the present outlook is not hopeful, but it is a condition for which the rank and file of the party are responsible. They have shown themselves content with the domination of personal spleen in their councils, and must be content to take the consequences even though they spill defeat."

Senator Perley was of the same mind, in addition stating that he was opposed to the building of a road to the Coast with Canadian funds, and it was in order to meet his objections and those of the East generally that the government proposed the land grant. The feeling in the East was, and is yet, that "the Yukon must pay for the Yukon." For that reason royalties and other taxes have been imposed which have caused so much irritation among the American allies of Sir Hilbert Tupper, and it was because of them that Mr. Livernash, the orator who created such a strong impression in the minds of the Conservative senators, made his appearance as a missionary at Ottawa.

It is not surprising that Senator Macdonald, on account of his associations with the school of politicians who were responsible for the Pacific scandal and many other later and equally grave ones, should suspect that there was a great deal on in which some one was to have a rake-off. They would have improved such a golden opportunity for the replenishment of their election and private funds, and just as it is said to be impossible to convince a knave that there is an honest man in the world, so it appears to be impossible for some of our Conservative friends to conceive of the existence of an upright public man.

To a great extent the commercial future of this province depends on the construction of a railway line to the Klondike from a point in our own territory. It will have to be built or subsidised by both the Provincial and the Dominion governments, as it will be for the general advantage of Canada as well as of immediate benefit to the business of the Coast. When the terms have been arranged the public will realise that the concessions granted to Mackenzie & Mann were not so extravagant as Senator Macdonald would have the readers of the Colonist believe.

FEELING IN THE INTERIOR.

The Liberals of the great constituency of Yale-Cariboo are actively engaged in preparations for the struggle which must soon take place for supremacy in the political arena. The spirit of bombast characteristic of their leader has taken possession of the Conservatives, and in the East and West they are vying with Sir Charles as to who shall make the most preposterous prediction of the outcome. We have been told quite frequently of late that British Columbia will not return a single member to the new House, and some have gone so far as to assert that the whole of the West is in revolt against the government. Our optimistic friends were rudely shocked at the last election, and they are in for another jar very soon. The evil spirit of Toryism has been exorcised and the country has entered upon a brighter, cleaner and more hopeful life. With all the prestige of eighteen years of power, the electoral machinery in their hands and an almost illimitable election fund, drawn from the manufacturers and other beneficiaries of the tariff as it then existed, for purposes of bribery and corruption, the Conservatives were so ignominiously defeated, what possible chance have they to win a victory over a government against which not a single charge has been made that could be proved to be more than a desperate attempt to make the electors believe the Liberals were as corrupt as their predecessors. The whole country is in a buoyant and hopeful mood as a result of the era of prosperity which was coincident with the passing of power into the hands of honest and capable men, and we are convinced that when the election tale is told the West will be found to have done its duty by returning an increased number of supporters to the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Speaking of the feeling around Nelson, the Tribune, an independent newspaper, says: "While the outcome of the struggle may be a matter of speculation it must be conceded that the Liberals in this portion of the riding have made great strides. This is no doubt due in a great measure to the tact displayed by its officials. They have kept their party off the breakers of public opinion, and are in a position to solicit for it the support of the wage earners. It is not so long ago since the Liberal party in Nelson,

that head that I base my remark that he is too English."

It is particularly refreshing to read of the man who used to boast so loudly of his doings in "England" and his hobnobbing with the bigwigs talking so disparagingly of these gentlemen now. Times have indeed changed. We are really afraid the leader of the opposition has been carried away by the "exuberance of his own verbosity," for, with all respect to the gray hairs of the old man, half of what he says is nothing more than nonsense. He will have some difficulty in convincing even the most credulous Conservative that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has any intention of bartering away the legislative independence of Canada, of giving the Imperial Parliament the right of dictating our laws to us, or of taxing the people to the extent of \$40,000,000 a year for the maintenance of the "English" army. We are sorry to hear Sir Charles has injured his leg. We hope it will soon be quite well again, for we realise that it is well for the Liberals that he should be physically capable of giving full play to his talking powers. Perhaps Colonel Prior would like to put a bride on his tongue.

WELCOME THEM HOME.

The advance guard of the contingent which we sent forth with such acclamation to do their duty to their country are now on their way home. We must not forget that these young men are part of the regiment whose deeds in South Africa have made the name of Canada known in all parts of the world. They shared all the hardships and fought side by side with the seasoned veterans of the finest armies of the greatest fighting race in the world; they occupied the position of honor in some of the most important engagements in the South African campaign, and they were the chief factors in the capture of the Lion of Africa and his ten thousand men. It is not necessary to urge Victorians to prepare to do honor to their young men, who by reason of their honorable wounds and the deadly diseases of which they were the victims have been forced to lay down their arms before the great work in which they volunteered to take part has been fully accomplished. For their own sakes, for the sakes of those whom they have left behind still in the field, and in memory of those who have fallen and will never return, let us turn out, men, women, and children, soldiers and civilians, to do honor to "our boys."

SAD NEWS FOR THE COLONEL.

Knowing the intense affection which the member for Victoria has for the land of his birth, the feelings of devoted loyalty which surge within his bosom at the mere mention of the beloved word "England," we confess it gives us great distress of mind to be forced to draw his attention to the recent utterances of his leader. We have already referred to some of the articles published in the French edition of the Montreal Star, which was established for the purpose of demonstrating that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is "too English," and to the fact that Colonel Prior failed to send us, along with the other batch of campaign literature, Pamphlet No. 6, denouncing everything English. But we are willing to overlook that, as it is now well known that that document is intended for Quebec circulation it is curious on with the remark that it is passing such a patriot as the Colonel would ally himself with men who evidently hope to attain to power by denouncing everything "English." Sir Charles has been in Quebec, and he has been afflicted with one of those curious lapses of memory, which attack him periodically, and has forgotten that things have changed since the days of his youth, when one could make a statement in a remote constituency without its being read in others until after the campaign was over. The leader of the opposition must once more have forgotten the telegraph, as he was overtaken by one of those spells of frankness for which his gifted son is noted and which he gave us a sample of when he declared that Great Britain had been driven from the civilized markets of the world and is now forcing her out-of-date wares upon the heathen at the mouth of cannon. We therefore ask the Colonel to read very carefully what his leader said in Quebec:

"As to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, you can say in effect that he is too English for me, with his programme of Imperial federation. At the time of the jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Sir Wilfrid, faithful to his promise that he had made to the electorate, went to England, where he should have worked for a treaty of mutual preferential trade between England and Canada, which was besides one of the articles of the policy of Mr. Chamberlain.

"Instead of that Sir Wilfrid changed his notion, and sitting at the table with the Lords and other political bigwigs of the United Kingdom, he trampled under foot his promises and poured out the floods of his eloquence in favor of the parliamentary federation of the empire. "He even went on to say that Canada had no need of mutual preferential trade; after having previously said, in a speech made at Westmount, Montreal, that it was his intention to name a commission to devise ways and means of obtaining preferential trade. Imperial federation such as is preached by Sir Wilfrid would be a national plague; it would be, in a word, the abolition of our system of responsible government, giving the Imperial government the power to dictate laws to us. Aside from that, Canada would be taxed according to population for the maintenance of the Imperial government; that is to say, Canada would pay a tax of \$46,000,000 simply for the maintenance of the English army, and the honor of being represented in a parliament sitting three thousand miles away.

"The Prime Minister's ideas of Imperial federation make thoughtful Canadians shrug their shoulders. That is why I say that Sir Wilfrid is too English for me. The sending of the Canadian contingents to Africa has been an excellent thing for Canada, and it is not upon

that head that I base my remark that he is too English."

Col. Gregory, who has just arrived from his old home in New Brunswick, confirms the reports concerning the strength of the government in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, by common consent, is the strongest man in public life in the Far East. Mr. Foster is talking of running against him in Queen's, and if he does beyond doubt he will go down to defeat. Sir Charles Tupper thinks his chances are anything but rosy in Cape Breton, and he is thinking of running for a seat in Ontario. Notwithstanding the double-barrelled campaign in Quebec, the Premier is stronger than ever there. It will be almost impossible to add to the number of Liberal representatives from that province without completely wiping out the Conservative forces; yet everything points to a still greater triumph than at the previous election. Industrial and commercial interests are booming in Ontario as never before, and there too the Liberal tide is rising; while in the Far West a meeting was held at the Driard last night which augurs well for the success of the campaign in British Columbia.

The Times is pleased to see that the Premier has taken its view of the question of the title of the New Vancouver Coal Company to the coal fields which it has been in possession of for so many years. We have always held the Colonel to be an erratic counsellor; Mr. Dunsinuir is evidently of the same opinion.

The Montreal Gazette says a feature of the ante-election period is the entire absence of any commercial anxiety as to the results of a prospective opposition success. Why should anyone be anxious? All people know there is no chance of the opposition being successful.

Another place where the Boers were going to put forth the great effort of the campaign has been captured with little loss by the British. Henceforth the fighting will all be of the guerrilla variety, and that should be speedily ended also.

It is said some of the Boers are emigrating to the United States. They will have to earn their bread by the sweat of their noble foreheads there. There will be no Uhlancers to tax.

ROUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

Outlook is Becoming More Serious—Expulsion of Bulgarians.

London, Aug. 28.—Referring to the tension between Roumania and Bulgaria, recently accentuated by the unsatisfactory character of the reply of the Sofia government to the Roumanian for the suppression of the Macedonian revolutionary committee, which has its headquarters at the Bulgarian capital, the Bucharest correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring yesterday, says: "The outlook becomes more and more serious. The opinion of the general public here is that Bulgaria must be taught a lesson by arms if necessary. Many public meetings were held yesterday (Sunday) throughout Roumania. All were characterized by a very warlike tone. The expulsion of Bulgarians from Roumania continues."

PARADE IN CHICAGO.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic Celebrate.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Along streets filled with a cheering multitude, past towering buildings gay with Stars and Stripes, through arches of honor, beneath suspended banners and swinging portraits of illustrious leaders, 35,000 members of the Grand Army of the Republic marched today in the bright sunshine and a cool breeze. Not in many years has Chicago extended so affectionately a welcome to the stranger within her gates as that given to-day to the veterans. The parade took about five hours in passing. Commander-in-Chief Shaw was the review officer.

DEPORTED TO EUROPE.

One of the Suspects, Arrested at New York, Not Allowed to Remain.

(Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 28.—The Italian named Guido, who arrived in this country two weeks ago in company with the alleged anarchist Maresca, was to-day, on instructions from the treasury department, ordered to be excluded from this country and deported to Europe. The men were charged with being parties to a plot to kill President McKinley.

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