



TWO POSSIBLE SURPRISES

The liberal and the conservative parties are each of them working away on what they think to be their best card in the country. On the conservative side the National Policy is to change the main plank and the strong one; it has in fact to carry the rest of the platform beyond all question the N.P. is to-day carrying the syndicate and several other things for which the Dominion government is responsible; it carries itself and a great deal else besides. We may well ask, where will the assistants of Sir John's government be to-day, if they had nothing else than the attack on the N.P. for their program? Why, they would be lost, so utterly lost that the country would not know where to find them, and would not recognize them if found. The N.P. is Sir John's strong issue, it carries itself, it carries him and his government, says, and an enormous mass of unpopular demands besides, which it has no business to carry, and should not be burdened with it all. There are men who say—and good business men, too, among them—let us have Sir John and the N.P. by all means, even if it should be burdened with various unpopular issues, or than go back to the various issues, crushing Canadian enterprise and keeping the country in a state of abject commercial dependence on England and the United States, especially the United States. It may safely be said that business men, in all the provinces, will hear a tremendous deal from Sir John in the way of boundary questions, disallowances, and lots of other things, rather than see the country go back to the already repudiated system of commercial freedom for foreigners and commercial slavery for ourselves. This is Sir John's strong point, he holds it to it strongly and he does not feel a bit ashamed of it. Even more than this must be said—before the manufacturing magnates of Lancashire he made the boldest declaration ever made by any Canadian statesman, and he held them that the Canadian tariff was made with the express design of promoting Canadian interests first of all, and would be continued on that line. On this his government stands to-day.

The Dominion opposition for Ontario is practically the Dominion opposition; for it does not yet appear that the other provinces take much stock in it. And going before the country on the platform of provincial rights and antagonism to the Pacific railway syndicate. Other questions there may be of minor importance, but these are the main ones pressed upon public attention. In Nova Scotia last summer Sir Charles Tupper said that the Dominion government would stand on fall on the N.P. and its Pacific railway policy. Other issues were trifling in comparison. On these two great issues the country supported them they should stand, even in spite of minor faults in other respects; if on these issues they were condemned, no amount of well-doing in other respects could save them. These Sir Charles stated the case plainly; and the case as he put it is no doubt substantially the case that will go before the country in 1922, if not sooner. Only one more element has since come into prominence, that of Ontario's provincial rights; and the liberal party have seized upon it with eager grasp, evidently determined to make as big a thing of it as they possibly can.

At public meetings, and in private gatherings too, whenever the affairs of the country are debated, this is how things go, at least in Ontario. Start the N.P. for the subject of discussion and Sir John's friends are strong and carry all before them. Even staunch grist assume an apologetic tone, and try to create the impression that after all they are not so much against reasonable protection as has been said. On the other hand, let the syndicate or the rights of Ontario come up, and immediately the grist appear to carry all before them and put on the airs of conquerors. Now, let us suppose two particular possibilities. Suppose Sir John has in his head the game of allowing his opponents here to waste their wind on provincial issues which he holds in his hand all the while, ready to concede before the election comes on, all that is required to put him right with Ontario. Suppose, further, that he may have something in reserve which when revealed will make the syndicate business look a good deal better before the country than it does at present. These two things coming together, would be a surprise in his favor, very much indeed. But there are possibilities of surprise on Mr. Blake's side too. Suppose that soon after parliament meets, or at some other time deemed proper for the business, a Dominion opposition caucus should consider, decide, and announce to the country, with tangible assurances offered, that the manufacturing interests would be perfectly safe even with a change of government, and that to put it plainly, the present opposition would renounce their alleged free trade principles, and that the N.P. would still be safe if they returned to power. These are the outlines of two possible surprises for the country, and both are probable enough to merit consideration.

THE PLAINTIFF MAIL

It has been our lot to read some pretty sickly articles in the Mail of late; but for advanced imbecility and deceptiveness, commend us to yesterday morning's column-long criticism of Mr. Fraser's manner in the house. We hardly know what to compare it to, but let us take, for instance, a wife willing because her husband doesn't wipe his feet on the door-mat; a boarding-school mistress lecturing ague on her ex-husband's spirit; an invalid with shattered nerves trembling at the slamming of a door. In one place the writer says with a sigh, "It is quite impossible to convey the tone of these remarks (Mr. Fraser's) to our readers; the reckless trust."

JACK RABBITS IN TEXAS.

History of this interesting Southern and Western Country.

The jack rabbit is an inhabitant of Texas and of some other western states, and is often called the "mule-eared rabbit," and by the cowboy he is familiarly spoken of as the "muley." He is not a rabbit at all, which is found by school boys in a hole in the ground at the end of a long track in the snow. The so-called jack rabbit is quite a different kind of mammal. He is identical with the British hare, except that he is larger, his color lighter, and his ears much longer. His avoirdupois is about twelve pounds, and his ears measure, from tip to tip, about sixteen inches. He does not burrow in the ground. He lies under cover of a bunch of prairie grass, but very seldom found at home, his office hours being between sunset and sunrise. He is to be found during the day on the open prairie, where he feeds on the tender shoots of the mesquite or sage grass. He is not a shy animal, and a stranger might be led to suppose from an examination of what purports to be his picture under the name of the Texas jack rabbit, that he is a tame animal. He is not, however, and he is a very cunning animal. He is very wary, and he is very suspicious. He is very shy, and he is very cunning. He is very wary, and he is very suspicious. He is very shy, and he is very cunning.

Some of the conservatives are beginning to see that they are not very patriotic in supporting the federal authorities in the present dispute with the province as to powers and rights, but that they are being made the catspaws of the French Canadians of Quebec, who for some reason or other are very anxious that Ontario should be crippled wherever possible. Stick up your province, gentlemen! The letter signed Salomone is timely in the present discussion of the rights of the provinces as against the Dominion authorities. While not agreeing with all he says, yet we must admit that it is a fact that if there had been a conservative government in power in Toronto there would have been no disputes about jurisdiction; and probably the same would have been the case if reformers were in power at both capitals. The letter is very unfortunately too often creeps into these issues. But the conservatives, whether at Ottawa or in the local legislature, may rest assured that the people of this province will stand up for their rights to a man. For, as the Telegram puts it, if the people of Ontario do not do this who will?

THE FAILURE OF Mr. Thomas Hughes's Rugby colony is announced by the *Regis*, which says that the venture was a fiasco almost before the echoes of applause over its beginning had died away. The location of the settlement in the wild mountains of Tennessee was unfortunate, and the men who joined it were not of a kind to have success out of a forest.

THE LOCAL OPPOSITION lost considerable weight by the illness of the member for South Simcoe. Mr. Parkhill resumes his seat at only 195 lbs. Last session he turned the scale at 209 lbs.

EYELS OF CENTRALIZATION.

They must be put down—early at the Basis of the Present Dispute. To the World: The drift of the conservative party is plainly in the direction of centralization. But shall we, a democratic and liberal loving people, remain inactive while our rights and privileges are being gradually but surely, and even defiantly, wrested from us? The concentration of power now going on in this direction is opposed to the interest of the masses, and to those principles for which the liberal party has for years labored. Decentralization is the motto of the reform party, and to that party we must look if we wish to preserve our rights, and to extend our liberties. It has been said by some that we are expending much money on those who express themselves as either ignorant of the subject, or otherwise they are opposed to liberalism. For in the present day the safety of many of these liberties we hold dear. Better by far disperse with the services of our provincial legislatures, our local parliament. Therefore it behooves us all to be on the alert and prevent, while we have the power, the rights of our legislatures from being infringed upon. For if we allowed the federal government to usurp the powers of our local legislatures as will we virtually surrender our rights and liberties into the hands of a few unscrupulous and powerful men whose actions lay bare for every eye to see, and whose character is that of bitter partisan spirit. So much to be deplored in this young and growing country. First case.

THE LITTLE CASE.

In which the federal government arrogated to itself the power of dismissing lieutenant-governors which should never have been tolerated by the people. But having succeeded in this Sir John Macdonald became emboldened to carry his partisan animosity further; for it is safe to say that if a conservative government had been in power in Ontario there would have been no trouble concerning the BOUNDARY AWARD, and it would have been speedily ratified; and the streams of blood would have been allowed to become law without a discussion at Ottawa; and in all probability the present dispute concerning the right of the Ontario government to dispose of the Mercer estate would not have arisen if a conservative government had been in power at Toronto. All this assumption of powers by the federal government which does not belong to it, is palpably the outcome of that bitter partisan feeling which has long prevailed to the detriment of the country's interest. Intelligence and information should be given to the people that they may rightly understand their position and know that to secure their liberties they must insist that both the provincial and federal governments be each supreme within its sphere. SALOMONE.

"Before I was married," said Mr. Wiggs, with a mournful wag of the head, "I used to think I'd like to be a great poet." "And that would you like to be now?" "Anything," he answered solemnly, "that could run faster than a mad woman."

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IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF LEGISLATION.

Meeting of the Council of Legislation... The committee on legislation met last night...

SAFETY OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS. A letter was read from the city solicitor...

LADY TEACHERS. They Want More Pay—Meeting of the School Board...

INSPECTION OF MILK. A letter was read from the city solicitor...

STREET IMPROVEMENT. Mr. Turner's motion was carried...

ELECTION OF ALDERMEN. Mr. Ryan thought it was very doubtful...

REMOVAL OF BANKS. Mr. Ryan thought it was very doubtful...

WATERWORKS. The waterworks committee yesterday...

NEW PARLOR CARS. The Great Western are building two new parlor cars...

A TRIBUTE TO WORTH.

The executive committee of the Ontario mechanics institute...

THE LOCAL LEGISLATION. A slow day in the House yesterday...

Three Young Ladies Drowned. Broadway, Va. Feb. 1.—The daughter of Michael Kelly...

Mr. Broder (Dundas) and Mr. Hagar (Prescott) brought to the notice of the government...

Mr. Bell (West Toronto) moved for a return of the number of teachers members of the community...

Mr. Wood—Bills to provide for the sale of lands for taxes in Algoma...

PERSONAL CHIT-CHAT. Miss Sarah Bernard is said to be almost worn out by her Russian tour...

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Mr. Hughes is about to appear in a new bill...

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THE LOCAL LEGISLATION.

A slow day in the House yesterday...

Three Young Ladies Drowned. Broadway, Va. Feb. 1.—The daughter of Michael Kelly...

Mr. Broder (Dundas) and Mr. Hagar (Prescott) brought to the notice of the government...

Mr. Bell (West Toronto) moved for a return of the number of teachers members of the community...

Mr. Wood—Bills to provide for the sale of lands for taxes in Algoma...

PERSONAL CHIT-CHAT. Miss Sarah Bernard is said to be almost worn out by her Russian tour...

Mr. and Mrs. Spargo devoted the \$30,000 presented to them at the recent anti-slavery bazaar...

Mr. Hughes is about to appear in a new bill...

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