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THE TRADE OF ST. JOHN.

The figures of the trade of St. John which we published yesterday, and which we republish in a more complete form to-day, are very impressive.

If the reader will look at the total of these figures he will notice that the trade of St. John was just twice as great during the eight years of Liberal rule as it was during the previous eight years of Conservative rule.

The Liberals came into power and immediately there was a change. The figures which we publish show that the trade of St. John in 1904 was considerably more than double what it was in 1897, the first year of Liberal rule.

The imports of St. John for 1904 were just double what they were in 1897, and the exports of our port in 1904 were almost three times what they were in 1897.

NORTH BAY AND PORTLAND.

Although it is three days since we called attention to the fact that the Toronto Mail and Empire, representing the Conservatives of Ontario, demanded that the Grand Trunk Pacific shall not go any further east than North Bay, where it would connect with the Grand Trunk and Portland, Maine, not a single Tory organ in St. John has dared to refer to this matter.

HOW OUR TRADE HAS GROWN UNDER LIBERAL RULE.

The following is a statement of the imports and exports of St. John from 1889 to 1904 inclusive, a period of sixteen years. We direct particular attention to these figures, because they show what our trade was during the last eight years of Conservative government, and how it has increased during the eight years of Liberal government:

Table with columns for Year, Exports, and Imports. Data points from 1889 to 1904 showing a significant increase in trade volume under Liberal rule.

THE SUN'S RECORD.

The record of the Sun as an upholder of the interests of St. John is worth looking up at the present time. That paper now professes a great deal of fear that St. John will not get the business of the Grand Trunk Pacific, yet when the Conservatives were in power and there were two ministers from New Brunswick in the Conservative Government, the Sun never did anything to assist St. John to obtain the winter trade of Canada.

THE TRADE OF ST. JOHN.

Table comparing 'Under Conservative Rule' and 'Under Liberal Rule' for the years 1889-1904. Shows a clear upward trend in trade value under Liberal rule.

MR. BLAIR DISAPPOINTS CONSERVATIVES.

It is two weeks since Mr. Blair resigned from the chairmanship of the railway commission. According to Tory orators and papers, he was to take the stump against the government. Has he done so? So far as can be learned, he has not.

vative friends. We may tell them in confidence that Mr. Blair will speak after all—after to-morrow. In the meantime they may get some comfort out of the extracts which we publish elsewhere from the letter the ex-Minister wrote to Mr. Thomas McAvity, chairman of the St. John Liberal executive committee.

The two St. John Tory organs, the Sun and the Telegraph, criticize and misrepresent Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter to the electors of St. John, but they are careful not to publish it. This is quite in line with their ideas of fair play and with the Tory system of treating public questions.

The Telegraph in large letters affirms that Mr. Blair stated before he resigned as Minister of Railways that he could not stand up in parliament and attempt to steer through the Grand Trunk Pacific bill without wearing a mask and carrying a dark lantern, so great was the swindle of public money.

The Tory and partisan Sun predicts that the Province of Ontario will return 57 Conservative members, but the independent Toronto News which the St. John Conservatives have been so fond of quoting says, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's prospects are much better now than in the contest of 1900, and predicts that he will secure at least one-half of the seats in that province, so that the estimate of the News is 43 Conservatives and 43 Liberals.

The Sun ought to tell us some more about that \$26,000,000 which its Portland correspondent said the Grand Trunk had expended in terminal facilities at Portland, Maine. The same correspondent has dropped his estimate and now is content to maintain that the Grand Trunk spent more than \$500,000 there.

The Telegraph shrieks in large capitals that the contract with the Grand Trunk does not bind the shipper. Certainly not. What kind of a contract could bind every shipper? But it binds the Grand Trunk Pacific not to give any advantages to American ports, and therefore the shipper has no motive in routing his goods otherwise than to Canadian ports.

While the Sun is claiming a great Conservative victory, that excellent Conservative, Mr. W. S. Barker, is advertising in the columns of the same paper that he will bet \$500 that the Liberals do not have a majority of 30 in the next House of Commons. This is giving away the whole Tory case and shows that they have no hope whatever of winning this election.

The Tory Sun predicts that the Conservatives will carry twenty-five seats in Quebec, but the Toronto News, which is an independent paper, only allows the Conservatives five seats in that province, and ridicules the claims that are being made by the Conservative managers.

North Bay is the nearest point of the Grand Trunk Railway to Manitoba and the Northwest. The chief Conservative organ of Ontario, the Mail and Empire, thinks that the Grand Trunk Pacific should go east only to North Bay, so that all the freight coming over that line would go to Portland, Maine.

The Telegraph of Tuesday publishes an alleged interview with Mr. Tarte in regard to the prospects of the Conservative party in Quebec. Mr. Tarte took good care to keep out of the fight in Quebec. The Tories did not think so much of his political prophecies four years ago.

No one in St. John will pay any attention to the yarn that appeared in the Telegraph yesterday that there was a division in the Liberal ranks in the St. John constituencies. The electors will laugh at such stories, and will vote the whole ticket, and nothing but the ticket.

The Telegraph's story that only a sudden illness in Mr. Blair's family prevented him from taking the stump against the government is a very good yarn for the marines.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's dignified and statesmanlike answer to the Daily Telegraph's hysterics regarding his letter to the electors of the city and county of St. John, will win support from independent men who place country before party.

Why are the Telegraph and Sun silent in regard to the proposal of the Mail and Empire, the chief Conservative organ, to carry all the business of the Grand Trunk Pacific to Portland by way of North Bay?

A government that has more than doubled the trade of St. John in eight years is a government that the people of St. John ought to support.

The scare headlines of the Telegraph need not frighten anyone. The people have become used to that sort of thing.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE

Montreal Witness Gives Reasons Against Any Change.

MONTREAL, Nov. 1.—The Witness (independent Liberal) has a leading article to-night headed "Leave well enough alone." It says the result is yet in the future, but there are many reasons for supposing that the electors will retain the present party in power.

or religious prejudice, if it is discovered to the world through newspapers, those guilty are ashamed, and either try to minimize or deny it altogether. Not so very long ago racial and religious prejudices were the politicians' most prominent weapons, which he carried about with him as ostentatiously as Sir Lucius O'Trigger carried about his duelling principles and paraphernalia.

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