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### A LAST WORD TO THE ELECTORS.

To-day the electors of Canada will decide whether Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government are to retain power for another five years, or are to be replaced by the Borden combination, which is backed up by syndicates of Americans and Canadians. The Liberal News has no doubt whatever of the result of this appeal to the people, for the indications are that the government will be sustained by fully as large a majority as it had in the last House of. Commons, and those who make claims which are contrary to this are either not well informed or are regardless of the truth. Indeed, there is every reason why Sir Wilfrid's government should be sustained. Under his administration the Dominion has prospered exceedingly, the trade of Canada being practically doubled, and the revenue being so large that although immense sum have been expended in necessary public works, the debt has actually been reduced during the past eight years. This is a roord of which the Liberal party has reason to be proud, and it is in remarkable contrast to that of the Conservatives, under whose administration the debt reached immense proportions, while the prosperity of Canada was retarded.

## THE OUTLOOK.

The claims of the Opposition that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be defeated are too absurd to be worthy of. serious attention. In the last House of Commons Sir Wilfrid Laurier had a majority of 53, notwith standing the fact that the province of Ontario gave a majority of 18 against the government. The Conservatives now claim at the outside a majority of 28 from Ontario, which if obtained would only reduce the government's majority to 43. They claim a change of three or four seats in New Brunswick, and even that would still leave the government with a majority of 35. They also claim a large number of. opposition members from Quebec, but there is no way in which they can figure out the result of the election that the government does not have a majority of at least 30. That is the figure that is conceded by well informed Conservatives, and it is the figure which Mr. Wm. S. Barker is willing to bet upon. Of course that is allowing the Conservative claims to be correct, which they certainly are not. The best estimates from Liberal sources give the government a majority anywhere from 45 to 55. Whether the figure is one or the other is not a matter of much consequence. A majority of 45 or even 30 is quite enough in a house of 213.

## THAT BLAIR TELEGRAM.

On Tuesday both the Telegraph and Times announced in handbill type that they would publish a fac-simile of the telegram said to have been sent from Montreal by the Hon. A. G. Blair to the Editor of the St. John Telegraph and published in that paper on the 19th of October. We stated that we did not believe the telegram had ever been sent by Mr. Blair, and the fac-simile which the Telegraph published yesterday bears out our statement. It may be a fac-simile of something written by Mr. Biair, but it is not a fac-simile of the telegram that appeared in St. John

announcing Mr. Blair's resignation. In the first place, the telegram published by the Telegraph was addressed to "E. W. McCready, Editor Telegraph, St. John." The facsimile is simply addressed "The St. John Telegraph." In the next place in the published telegram to Mr. McCready, Mr. Blair is called the "Chairman" of the Railway Commission; in the alleged fac-simile he is called the "chief." Again, at the close of the telegram Mr. Blair is campaign for the false information which it has given to its readers. In 1237 Paterson, R. Downing, Residence, 1227 Paterson, R. Downing, in the published telegram to Mr. McCready, Mr. Blair is called the credited with stating that he has no present intention of re-entering political life. There is no word in the fac-simile which could be spelled "political" by the most lively imagination. The word in the facsimile is "public," which is quite different from political. The telegram published on Oct. 19 was signed Andrew G. Blair, while that now issued as the genuine document bears the signature A. G. Blair. These differences between the alleged telegram of Mr. Blair and the alleged facsimile fully justify our statement with regard to this telegram. We might ask also, if this was the genuine telegram, how the managers of the Telegraph succeeded in obtaining it from the Great North Western the receiving clerk and the sending operator would put on it? It is not an easy matter even for the courts to obtain possession of a telegram, and it is very unlikely that such a despatch would be given up by the company if once in their office. We again affirm that nothing has been printed to show that the despatch published in the Telegraph on the 19th October was signed by Mr. Blair.

# 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 pared during the eight years of Liberal government

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	Exports.	Imports.
1889	3,984,638	4,371,256
1890	3,595,877	4,352,018
1891	4,170,090	3,993,551
1892	3,464,424	3,403,157
1893	3,943,867	3,596,969
1894	3,480,849	3,611,031
1895	3,310,213	3,132,859
1896	4,380,271	3,550,261
1897	5,730,585	3,354,067
1898	7,063,992	3,431,968
1899	6,565,836	3,875,724
1900	9,733,534	4,730,403
1901	11,094,903	4,623,134
1902	14,273,846	4,990,004
1903	15,364,735	5,658,281
1904	13,318,658	6,663,679

The Star of last evening published a despatch which appeared in the Montreal Star of yesterday to the effect that Mr. Arthur Dansereau, editor of La Presse, on the eve of his departure for Europe, expressed his fears of the success of the Liberal party. As Mr. Dansereau is on the ocean, it is quite safe for the Star to put any words in his mouth that it pleases. No one who has any knowledge of the gentleman in question can doubt that this statement is a deliberate misrepresentation of Mr. Dansereau's views. He is not the kind of a man to speak in that fashion to the enemies of the Liberal party. As for La Presse, that paper is said to have been purchased by a syndicate, of whom the proprietor of the Montreal Star is the head, and therefore any views expressed by that paper would simply be those of Mr. Hugh Graham, who is hostile to the vote for McKeown and O'Brien. Liberal party. Mr. Graham appears to have worked himself into the belief that there was a chance of the Conservatives winning this election, and therefore he has been willing to pour out money without stint to effect that object. Mr. Graham was quite as confident of victory in 1896, and again in 1900, as he is to-day, and yet at the last general election the Liberals had a majority of 53. Mr. Graham unfortunately is surrounded by parasites who are afraid to contradict him, and therefore | Wilfrid Laurier? he never hears the truth. He is a sort of Canadian king, and he suffers from the disadvantages that appertain to monarchy, in never hearing any other voice from those about him but that of flattery and agreement with | and vote for Halifax?

The people of St. John who will vote to-day will certainly be very as much for St. John as Sir Wilfrid has done? tunwise if they send members to Ottawa who are hostile to the Liberal government. No city in Canada has had more reason to bless the Libtrade of this port has much more than doubled, the prosperity of the city | port.

has been greatly increased, the old feeling of hopelessness has disappeared; the population, instead of declining, has grown rapidly; new there is every prospect of St. John in the future becoming a place of DR. A. H. MERRILL. great importance. We need only refer to the efforts that the government has made to increase the trade of St. John in winter by the erection of deep water wharves and an elevator at this port. Such benefits ought to be recognized by the electors, whose interests have been so well safeguarded by this Liberal government. St. John will to-day return two Liberal members to the House of Commons.

THE TRADE OF ST. JOHN.		
Look upon this picture— <i>Under Conservative Rule.</i> 1889. \$8,355,894  1890. 7,947,895  1891. 8,161,641  1892. 6,857,581  1893. 7,540,836  1894. 7,091,870  1895. 6,443,072  1896. 7,930,532	And on this:  **Under Liberal Rule.**  1897. \$ 9,084,652  1898. 10,495,960  1899. 10,441,569  1900. 14,463,937  1901. 15,718,037  1902. 19,263,850  1903. 21,023,016  1904. 19,982,337	
Totals\$60,341,331	\$120,473,349	

Our readers will remember that during the election of 1900 the Sun and all the Tory speakers tried to convince the electors that if Mr. Blair was elected the Canadian Pacific Railway would take away their business from this port. There had been a difference between Mr. Blair and that great company in regard to the terms on which traffic should be arranged between them, and the Canadian Pacific people caused the impression to prevail that they would withdraw from St. John if Mr. Blair was elected. The Sun and all the Tory sheets harped on this string, and actually frightened many people into the belief that Mr. Blair's election meant the ruin of the export trade of St. John. If the reader will look at the figures which we published yesterday and which we re-publish again to-day, he will see that the export trade of St. John has increased by more than 50 per cent. since 1900, while the import trade shows an qually large increase. These figures illustrate the utter worthlessness of any predictions or any statements that appear in the St. John Sun.

The telegram of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Thomas McAvity shows clearly that the only safety for the Maritime Provinces, and their only hope of obtaining western traffic, lies in the maintenance of the Liberal government in power. It was Sir Wilfrid Laurier who said at the opening of the St. John Exhibition in 1896: "I will never be content until every dollar's worth of the trade of Canada is carried through the ports of Canada." Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been faithful to this promise ever since, and the construction of a railway through the centre of this province, connecting with the Grand Trunk Pacific, is one of the means by which he proposes to carry out this policy of giving the trade of Canada to the ports of Canada.

The St. John Tories rely a great deal on the people of Carleton to help them out by giving a large vote against the Liberal candidates today. Why should the people of Carleton vote against the Liberal government? They know well the condition that Carleton was in while the Conservatives were in power, and how Carleton has been improved and helped by the large winter port trade which has been given to it by the Liberal government. There is no doubt that if the Conservatives came nto power Carleton would soon become as unprosperous as it was while the Conservatives were in power ten years ago. Carleton, instead of giving a Conservative majority, ought to give a large majority to the

"Montreal, Oct. 24.— (Special)—Mr. Blair gives the most emphatic denial, over his own signature, to the reports that he had with-

"Moreover, it may be announced positively that he will speak against the G. T. Pacific scheme.
"Within forty-eight hours the date and place of the first meeting to

be addressed by him will be announced."

Not only twenty-four hours, but ten days have elapsed since this company, and why it does not show on its face the several marks that despatch was written, yet Mr. Blair never opened his mouth in regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. Possibly this Montreal despatch was written in the Telegraph office.

Every Liberal elector to-day should work for the success of his

The publication of the alleged fac-simile of Mr. Blair's telegram has proved a boomerang and justifies the statement of this paper that Mr. Blair did not sign the telegram which was published under his

The Telegraph of yesterday contained a statement in handbill type ticular attention to these figures, because they show what our trade was on its first page that the reason why Mr. Fielding did not stand by Mr during the last eight years of Conservative government, and how it has Blair was that Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised him the Premiership after the election. Mr. Fielding says the statement is a pure fabrication.

> If the Liberal government should be defeated, the Grand Trunk Pacific will never come east of North Bay, and all its business will go to

> No St. John elector can deny that the Liberal government has done far better for St. John than any Conservative government ever did. Why, then, should any St. John elector vote against the Liberal candi-

> The attempts of the Conservatives to create divisions in the ranks of the Liberal party have utterly failed. Such tactics must recoil on the heads of those who use them.

> The Carleton voter who votes for the Tory candidates is voting for the stagnation and lack of business which prevailed in Carleton eight

> Do not let anything prevent you from going to the polls to-day as early as possible and voting for the Liberal candidates.

> The attempt of the Telegraph and Times to justify the publication of the Blair despatch has only made the matter worse for them.

> The bogus despatches which are being published in the tory papers in regard to Conservative gains ought to deceive no one.

A Carleton voter who votes against the Liberal government is vot-

Every St. John elector who has the interests of St. John at heart will

ing against his own interests.

Why should the St. John electors take the advice of their enemies

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