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MR. LAURIER.

All eyes are now turned on the Liberal leader, who has just been sworn in to the important position of prime minister of Canada. He is a man of much personal magnetism, affable and winning in his manner, possessing the politeness and courtesy for which the French race is proverbial. Although a French-Canadian by birth, Mr. Laurier has quite a bit of the Englishman about him, and can safely be counted upon as a loyal citizen of the empire. He has frequently made the statement in public that he is a Liberal of the English school, and has quite as often expressed his admiration for the grand constitution under which the British people live.

Within a few days past the new premier was at a reception in Montreal, tendered by the Mayor to Vice-Admiral Erskine and other navy officers who happened to be in port. The Mayor be it remembered, is Mr. Wilson Smith, and was defeated, as a conservative candidate for the city of Montreal. On the occasion above referred to, he had this pleasing reference to make to Mr. Laurier:—"The Hon. Wilfred Laurier is a man of whom all Canadians free from all political bias are proud, and he is one certainly well-equipped and possessed of every authority to voice the sentiments of the people of Canada. I am sure that all of us, recognizing his amiable qualities, brilliant attainments and honesty of purpose, wish success to the Hon. Wilfred Laurier in the future administration of the country's affairs." Such a sentiment coming from a defeated candidate, is both graceful and patriotic, and other conservatives will lose nothing by taking a hint from Mayor Wilson Smith.

Mr. Laurier is a comparatively young man, having been born in 1841. He is descended from one of the French families, which settled in Canada soon after its foundation. His father Carolus Laurier was a prominent land surveyor, and his famous son first saw the light of day in the village of St. Lin L'Assomption one of the counties in the Montreal district. His early education was at the college of D'Assomption. He chose law for his profession, and was a student with the late Hon. R. Laflamme, Q. C. His education was completed at McGill, where he took the degree of B. C. L. Having a taste for public life Mr. Laurier dipped quite deeply into the troubled sea of journalism, and was for a time editor of a paper named LeDefricheur. When thirty years of age he first entered public life as a representative in the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, for Drummond and Arthabaska. He held this seat until 1874, when he resigned to contest the same, for the Dominion Parliament. In this move he was also successful. Entering the commons just after the formation of the McKenzie ministry he gave a hearty support to the new administration, and in 1877 was given the portfolio of Inland Revenue. His tenure of this office was short, however, as a year after his acceptance of it, the government was defeated and Sir John was again re-instated.

Mr. Mackenzie led the opposition for a short time after the change, giving place in time to Mr. Edward Blake. He eventually resigned, and in 1887 Mr. Laurier became the Liberal leader. Under his leadership the party was defeated in 1891, and now comes into power in the general elections of 1896.

As an orator, Mr. Laurier, par excellence, has no peer in the house. With him it is a matter of being born, not made. His gestures are graceful, his presence is handsome, and his language is choice. No other French Canadian can use the Anglo-Saxon as he does, and very few English-Canadians are his peers. It is always a delight to listen to Mr. Laurier.

So much for the new leader's power. He is yet to be tried as a leader of the government. He has been a successful leader of the opposition. His success has been gained by quietness and confidence. His opponents will admit that there is no bluster, no boastfulness, no spread-eagleism about the liberal leader. His manner of dealing with opponents is in many respects, like the way so successfully adopted by his great opponent Sir John Macdonald.

Conservatives as well as liberals will watch Mr. Laurier closely. Talk of other leaders as they may, on him rests the hope of the liberal party. It was the devotion of the conservatives, so many years, to one leader that was their strength. When they began to swap horses, crossing the stream, they were overtaken in the flood.

NEW BLOOD.

It will be quite a change in a house composed of 215 members to have something be-

tween 80 and 90 green horns, when the new parliament assembles. It is said that no fewer than 86 members elected the other day, are quite new to parliamentary experience. This means that one of the main duties of the new speaker will be to call to order the fresh members, who will probably insist on addressing the "gentlemen of the house of commons" in violation, not maliciously, of all parliamentary etiquette. Putting aside the new blood, which has had a sort of preliminary training, by experience in the local legislatures, such as Sir Oliver Mowat, Mr. Blair and Mr. Fielding, there are many parvenu elements in the coming parliament. The Liberals, the dominant party, have a distinct acquisition in the person of Mr. Lount, Q. C., who defeated Mr. Cockburn in Centre Toronto. Mr. Lount is a distinguished lawyer and comes from a notable family. His grandfather was Samuel Lount, who was hanged with Matthews after the rebellion of 1857—a judicial murder which no one attempts to defend at the present time. This new member has had some previous experience, having been in the Ontario legislature as a supporter of John Sandfield Macdonald immediately after confederation. He is an exceedingly able criminal lawyer, and has been in many cases opposed to Mr. D'Alton McCarthy.

Conservatives will gain by the reappearance of Mr. Hugh John Macdonald who is a veritable chip of the old block. Although a smaller man, Mr. Macdonald bears a striking resemblance to his distinguished sire, and as we have often been told his "nose" is likely to cut no small figure in the coming contest. A good speaker, a clear headed lawyer, and, by heredity, a tactician, it will not be surprising to see Hugh John a leading figure in the conservative opposition.

A couple of ministers of the gospel are among the novices. No doubt they expect to introduce a new heaven that is going to leaven the whole lump, but it is possible the influence may be the other way, and we may hear of these gentlemen walking around the corridor smoking cigars, with hats on the side of their heads, and paying sundry visits "downstairs." Parliamentary life is not particularly conducive to piety.

The coming session will be interesting from several stand points. Boys have grown to manhood, since a liberal party was in power, and college graduates have known no government, without a conservative chief at the head.

A STUPENDOUS AFFAIR.

The Democrats have a candidate for the presidency of the United States. Seldom has the saying, that it is the unexpected which happens, been more strikingly illustrated. A week ago we heard little or nothing of the prospect of Mr. Wm. J. Bryan of Nebraska, being the accepted of the Chicago convention. It appears he made an impassioned speech, clamoring eloquently for free silver. The crowd was carried away with enthusiasm, and the result is Mr. Bryan's election as the candidate of the Democratic party. He is a young man, only 37 years of age, has been quite a prominent member of the House of Representatives, and cut some figure in the making up of the Wilson bill. The free silver plank of the Democrats has upset the party, and such a staunch advocate of democratic principles in general, the New York Sun, has withdrawn its support. Mr. McKinley's chances seem better than ever.

In reading the reports of the convention as presented by Chicago reporters to the more or less interested public, one is amused at the grandiose language in which everything is framed. "The gigantic coliseum, the largest hall in the world was crowded to the doors." This was in the morning, but it was "nothing in comparison with the tremendous, record-breaking audience that thronged the stupendous and itorium at the evening assembly . . . forming one great mass of solid humanity." In addition to all this "myriads choked and crowded every available space." From which we are led to judge that the convention was a very wondrous affair. But like the mountain in labor, it seems to have brought forth a mouse, for few people will be found to express the opinion that Mr. Bryan stands any show for election.

What strikes Canadians as strange about the whole business, is the extreme excitability of the delegates. We would expect all this effervescence from an assembly of Frenchmen, Italians or Spaniards, but the Anglo-Saxon of today is not supposed to have his convictions or even his intentions changed in a moment, by an excited harangue.

However, it is their own show, and they will run it as they see fit. On this side of the line, it is not a matter of very grave interest whether the Republican or Democratic candidate is elected.

We may expect them, from now until November, to compete energetically in twisting the lion's tail.

There were a great many oddly marked ballots at the late elections. One elector at the polling booth in Kingston, however, is entitled to the chromo. He wrote across his ballot "To — with both of you," and it is

needless to say the ballot was not counted in.—Cobourg Sentinel.

Mr. Laurier who will not be 55 till next November, is gathering around him cabinet ministers in the prime of manhood. Of the Maritime contingent Mr. Blair is 52, Mr. Fielding 48, Mr. Davies 51, Dr. Borden 52. The father of the cabinet will be Sir Oliver Mowat, who is 75.—F'oton Herald.

Those who are fighting against early closing are engaged in a hopeless strife. It is bad policy to go squarely against public opinion, for public opinion has a way of making itself felt.

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