

SIR WILFRID WAS SEVENTY MONDAY

(Telegraph)

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier achieves his seventieth milestone Monday, and the membership of the greatest opposition which Canada has ever seen has asked him to accept recognition of the event in the form of a dinner.

The "Chief" prefers to spend the day fighting. The debate upon the address is scheduled to begin Monday afternoon. Mr. Bennett, of Alberta, and Mr. Seveigny, of Quebec, will be the praise makers and the apologists for the government, as mover and seconder of the address.

Sir Wilfrid and his chief supporters will follow with statements upon what has happened in Canada and what Canada may expect to happen under the new regime.

There is every prospect of a fighting day, and the achievement of his seventieth birthday has not spoiled Sir Wilfrid's appetite for a fight. He has, therefore, asked that his birthday party should be deferred for two days, in order that he may have untrammelled elbow room to set before the people of Canada the successful marshalling of inconsistencies and venal influences which resulted in the verdict of September 21, and the overthrow of the progressive Laurier administration.

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Liberals' Plans for Valley Railway to be Carried Out.

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—Premier Flemming of New Brunswick has left for his province after ten days' negotiation with the Borden government for terms of the bargain under which the Valley Railway will be constructed.

Mr. Flemming and the Ottawa administration have reached the conclusion that the terms which were arranged by Hon. Mr. Pugsley and the Laurier government were entirely satisfactory. A contract, therefore, will be signed within a few days, providing that the Valley Railway Company shall construct the line; that the province shall guarantee the construction bonds; that the Intercolonial shall operate the line, paying as rental charges forty per cent of the gross earnings, and that as the necessary bridges will be abnormally lengthy and expensive the federal government will give substantial assistance toward their construction.

The federal government has agreed to deposit at the proper time an adequate amount with receiver-general for a generous share of aid for the construction of bridges necessary to carry the line from the G. T. P. across the St. John, Kennebecasis and other rivers to the city of St. John, and Premier Flemming has undertaken on behalf of the provincial administration to provide similar aid in the form of a cash deposit or bond guarantee for bridge work.

If the federal and provincial administrations are sincere and throw no technical obstacles in the way, the construction of the line should begin early next spring.—Times.

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THE POEPL E MUST PAY

The Borden government is wasting no time in showing its colors. In the early part of last week it took advantage of the dumping clauses of the tariff to put a duty on iron tubing. Later in the week at the request of the manufacturers of lumber it sent out special instructions to its customs agents to see that Canadians were not getting better lumber than they were paying for from the United States. Rough lumber planed only on one side is allowed in free of duty. Such lumber is however unsuitable for building as the saws do not cut true, and boards are liable to be as much as a half inch broader at one end than at the other, thus making large cracks in walls or floors constructed of them. According to the complaint of the Canadian manufacturers the lumber mills to the south of the line have been edging their boards so as to make them true, and then roughening the edge that the work might not be detected. They have also been partly planing the side of the boards supposed to be left rough under "tariff" provisions. In this way they were able to sell sized lumber as rough lumber. They are not to be allowed to cheat the Canadian manufacturers out of their bonus from the duty in this way in future. They are not to be allowed to sacrifice their rapidly diminishing forests for our benefit to any greater extent than the new government can help. They are not to be allowed to complete with the high priced generously paid laborers of Canada (that is the Chinese mill hands of Vancouver). The farmer who wants to build a new stable, the settler struggling to make good his homestead, must in future never be cheated into receiving better lumber than he pays for. The import of such lumber is to be stopped by the twenty-five per cent duty. When this is done the Canadian manufacturer will be able without his check of foreign competition to charge twenty per cent more than it is to-day being sold. It is quite clear that this twenty per cent will not be a tax paid for the support of government, but money paid directly to the manufacturer. The protectionist plea is that so paid it goes to build up Canada, and increase the scale of wages for manual labor. Will any one pretend that these Vancouver manufacturers are going to hand over this additional twenty per cent profit to their Chinese laborers? They are going to put it right into their pockets to recoup them for the heavy expense they were put to at last election with, of course, something over for themselves. The farmers, at least a lot of them, danced to their tune, now they have to pay the piper.—Witness.

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KING GEORGE'S HEAD ON CANADIAN STAMP

DESIGN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY HIS MAJESTY.

OTTAWA, Nov. 23.—Canadian stamps bearing the effigy of King George will be put on sale by the Post Office department within a short time. The Dominion postal authorities were not satisfied with the portrait of the King which was adopted for the British stamps and which has since been so severely criticized. It was decided to obtain a design for Canada and this has been done. The new stamp series is said to be an especially handsome one. The designs were submitted to King George, who is the largest stamp collector in the world, and he has sent a cable to Canada approving of the new Canadian series. With this message the last formality has been accomplished, and the stamps will now issue as soon as dies can be cut.

NELSON'S LOGBOOK REMAINS IN ENGLAND

CONTAINS A VIVID ACCOUNT OF BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR.

LONDON, Nov. —The logbook of Nelson's flagship, the Victoria, which was announced to be sold at auction at Sotheby's shortly, has been bought by T. J. Barrett, an English collector of English relics. Mr. Barrett stated that he acquired the logbook for several thousands of pounds. His main object in securing it was to prevent it going to America, the auctioneers having received several cablesgrams from collectors offering to purchase it. The chief interest in the book consisted of a vivid account of the battle of Trafalgar, on the day after the action, which is one of the earliest official records of the battle in existence.

WILL THEY "SCUTTLE"?

The Montreal Star is still hammering away for a Big Navy programme. In its comment on Mr. Borden's speech at Halifax, it excuses the Premier's silence on the Navy, by saying that the naval question is the most important which will come before the new Government; and it is only fair that the Ministers should be allowed time to consider the problem in all its bearings before they announce a policy. "All we have to say," adds the Star, "is that, when it comes, it must be a progressive policy—and not a retreat. It will 'never be enough to wipe something off the slate'—they must write something stronger in its place. Our readers know what we think they 'should write; and, while we are 'ready to welcome a better policy if 'one be proposed, WE WILL NEVER 'BE READY TO RECEIVE IN 'LENCE A WORSE." This sounds like a declaration of war. In other words, the Borden Government must make its choice for Dreadnoughts or lose the Star's support. Or, as the Star puts it, it must choose between the "party of scuttle" and the "party of courage.—Chronicle.

VIGOROUS OLD MEN.

(From the Winnipeg Free Press.) Dr. Osler—whose name must be placed mighty near the top of any list, however limited, of greatest living Canadians—was believed a few years ago by readers with a limited sense of humor, to have declared that at forty years a man's power for useful work in the world was ended. Of course he said nothing of the sort. That utterance, so falsely attributed to him, would be about as reasonable as the recent sudden excitement of the London press over

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the discovery that apparently old men are getting younger. Attention is called to an eighty-year-old Lord Mayor, to a prize-winner swimmer of seventy-five, and to various elderly statesmen whose case is not so remarkable because "old men for counsel" has always been an adage. Lord Strathcona is the most striking case in point.

One ingenious writer ascribes the marvelous change to the adoption by the old men of modern inventions. "Now the old men are climbing back 'into the seat of power. Young men 'no longer monopolise the machines; 'the old men have them too, and 'put more force behind them." Labor-saving machines, we are told, conserve vigor and prolong life, which is nonsense. Youth and age is much the same from century to century. The average duration of life rises, but it is by the reduction of causes of premature death.

The Imperial Government is acting upon the request made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Imperial Conference, to secure the right of the overseas Dominions to withdraw from treaties with foreign nations with reference to which they were not consulted. This arrangement, if successful, will avert all trouble over "favored nations."—Chronicle.

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TORY CHICKENS WILL BE DRIVEN HOME TO ROOST

LIBERALS ARE GOING TO PUT UP STRAIGHT TO PREMIER SOME INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—The Opposition is starting in with a vigorous determination to force the Government to declare itself on the many embarrassing and difficult questions of public policy which confronts Mr. Borden and his Nationalist-Conservative following. The hope of the government to evade for the session at least the consequences of rash promises, while in opposition, and of divergent and sectional appeals during the election campaign will be frustrated, and the chickens will all be driven home to roost.

Notice has been given on the order paper for tomorrow of a long series of questions by Liberal members asking for the Government's policy with regard to the navy, the Ne Temere Decree, the Manitoba school question the Farmers Bank depositors, etc.

IS HE MONK'S MAN?

Hon. Charles Murphy will ask if the government is aware that at the nomination meeting at Lachine, on October 27 last Hon. Mr. F. D. Monk stated that the Prime Minister had allowed him to select his Cabinet colleagues from the Province of Quebec? Was any Ontario Minister

Prime Minister? If not, why was an exception made in the case of Hon. F. D. Monk?

Did the Prime Minister promise a referendum on the Navy question, as alleged by the Postmaster-General and Mr. Armand Lavergne, M. P. P. at the nomination in Quebec County on the 27th of October. If not, was any promise or understanding with regard to the Navy given by the Prime Minister to the Postmaster-General or Mr. Lavergne prior to the date of the said meeting.

Has the government accepted any tenders for the construction of His Majesty's Canadian Ships? If not, does the government intend to accept any of said tenders?

"BRITISH-BORN" ORATOR

To what position in the immigration branch has Mr. Arthur Hawkes, alias "John V. Borne" been appointed? Several other questions are asked about Mr. Hawkes' appointment, as to the qualifications, his work at the time of his appointment, the amount of his salary at that time, whether he was the author of the pamphlets to the British-born, distributed by the government and how long has he been a resident of Canada.

Another question is does the Government intend to implement its promise that it would, if returned to power, reimburse all those who lost money through the failure of the Farmers Bank?

Mr. Clarke, of Essex, will ask whether the Government or any of its members has received any petition or request asking that an Act be passed by the Parliament of Canada prescribing a uniform marriage law for the Dominion, and what action the Government intends to take in the matter. Mr. McCraney of Saskatoon, will ask an explanation of an article in L'Evenement, the Quebec Conservative paper describing a visit said to have been paid by Mr. Borden to Bishop Begin of Quebec "to present les hommages."

THE SCHOOL QUESTION

Mr. Nesbitt, of Oxford, wants to know whether the Prime Minister or any member of the Government has discussed with Archbishop Langevin, of Winnipeg, the Manitoba school question or the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba? Did any such discussion take place during the Archbishop's recent visit to Ottawa? will the Government announce its policy with regard to the Manitoba school question and the extension of the Manitoba boundaries.

Mr. Neely asks if the Government will allow the labor and farming interests to nominate a majority of the members of the proposed Tariff Commission and what is the Government's policy with regard to bounties.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley has a query as to the Government's intention with regard to acquiring branch lines of the Intercolonial.—Fredericton Mail.

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