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THE APPEAL TO PASSION.

As we have pointed out in former issues, the Conservative party, unable to justify their claims to government by sound argument or an appeal to reason, has commenced an ignoble campaign of misrepresentation and an appeal to the racial and religious prejudices of the majority of the Canadian electorate. Absolutely unable as their leaders are to account for the enormous increase in trade and splendid prosperity which has followed the advent to power of the Liberal party, or to advance one reason why the electorate should oust from power a government which has shown such marked success in the administration of public affairs, they descend to the lower depths, and the next political campaign will be run by them, if possible, on catch cries which are but an insult to the intelligence of the electorate. As a shrewd and unscrupulous politician, capable of appealing to the most senseless bigotry, if the appeal is likely to help him at the polls, Sir Charles Tupper will have no hesitation in taking as his watchword the threadbare cry of "No Popery" and its equally disgraceful appeal against "French Domination." That such appeals would be the height of inconsistency in a party which contested the last election on Remedial Legislation and coercion of the protestants of Manitoba, would not deter him in the least, for neither Sir Charles or his supporters seem to have a very keen sense of humor. In 1896 the Conservatives tried their best to stampee Quebec on the Manitoba School Question, while humbugging the Orangemen of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces with assurances of their insincerity on this question. Unfortunately for their plans, the people in all sections were conscious of their insincerity and the Conservative party was hoist with its own petard.

In 1900 the Conservative party intends to reverse their old game. They are satisfied that the Province of Quebec is lost to them, so they have swapped horses and will endeavour to ride into power on the protestant species. Long have they been seeking for some cause for quarrel or some plausible pretext for a race cry. They tried hard to import the Dreyfus trial into Canadian politics only to be laughed at for their pains. The Boer war almost seemed to come in answer to their prayers, and today we are calmly assured that Sir Charles Tupper and his lieutenants hold a monopoly on Canadian patriotism with all rights secured, and threaten the fullest penalty of the law against any poor Liberal who dares infringe their patent. At last a reason has been found for the overthrow of the Liberal party, in that it is disloyal. We are further told that

the reason for this disloyalty on the part of the Liberals is because the party has a French-Canadian leader, is dominated by the French section in Quebec and enjoys the support of three-fourths of the Roman Catholic electors. We would almost have doubted that these were good and sufficient reasons for any party being disloyal, for we in Kent have flattered ourselves that a man could be a patriotic Canadian whether he was a Roman Catholic, a Baptist or a Methodist, and that we had never noticed any burning movement towards treason on the part of the inhabitants of this County of French extraction. But the Yankee editor of the Montreal Star has assured us of the fact and the St. John Sun makes the assurance doubly sure. We might therefore naturally expect at any moment to hear of the honorable member for this County being engaged in a 19th century Gunpowder Plot with Mr. Bergeron, M. P., perhaps figuring as a second Guy Faux.

We might even have gone further and doubted that the Liberal party was disloyal, but the St. John Sun proves it to its own satisfaction in a three column editorial on the stand taken by the Hon. Mr. Tarte over the equipping of the Canadian contingent. To show how conclusively this is proven—to the Sun's satisfaction—it is only necessary to reprint one or two extracts from Mr. Tarte's speech at St. Vincent de Paul as quoted and translated by the Sun:

"It is easy to play a comedy as Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Hugh Graham do at this moment, and desire to get applause by giving guarantees to an insurance company. But it is not in this way that the future of a country is decided. It is not in this way that a government which understands its duties decides to act. I say that if Canada and the British Colonies are to be called to take part in the wars of the empire, they ought to have the right of representation and vote in the imperial councils. The first prerogative of a British citizen is to pay no tax without having the right to vote, without being represented. I repeat that if this British colony, that if this free colony is to take part in the wars of the empire, we must have an interest in the council."

Now to us this sounds rather like good common sense than treason and would rather denote that the Minister of Public Works has not been seized with that species of patriotic hysteria which has so taken possession of Sir Charles Tupper, that to use an expression of the late lamented Artemus Ward "he would cheerfully immolate his mother-in-law on the altars of his country." It occurs to us that the inauguration of a campaign of race and religious hatred among our Canadian people is about the poorest way that Sir Charles Tupper could take to prove his loyalty either to Canada or the Empire. But Sir Charles is not a statesman, but merely an unscrupulous politician, and he realizes that there is not much danger in black guarding the French speaking people, for Quebec is in his eyes hopelessly Liberal. We quote again from Mr. Tarte's speech at St. Vincent de Paul:

"At the next election—I do not know when they will be—in the province of Quebec, we will give them the best beating they ever had in their life. They had 15 members at the last election. Well, I say to them that they will not return six next time."

So it is Ontario and the Maritime Provinces that must be stampee into Toryism next election, but the Liberal leaders have no cause for worry. The protestants won't stampee on such a senseless cry, and Ontario and these Provinces by the sea will resent in the same way as Quebec did, the base appeal to race and religious prejudices. And we in Kent of all races will play our part in keeping from power a party which has proven itself unfitted to deal fairly with all classes, races and creeds among the Canadian people.

The Montreal Star is busy at present advertising Sir Charles

Tupper as a successful insurance agent. It is a new role to play for the leader of the opposition, but no doubt there is a handsome commission in it for him.

The offer of the Dominion Government to furnish a second contingent of 1000 Canadian volunteers will rather have the effect of making Sir Charles Tupper look foolish. The difference between the Liberal government and the Conservative opposition is that the former express their patriotism in deeds where the latter take it out in talk.

There has been a dearth of war news for the past week owing to telegraphic communication with Ladysmith having been cut off. The eyes of the empire are directed to that point and the united wish of the British people is that Sir George White may be able to hold the Boer army at bay until the reinforcements which are now landing in Cape Town can be pushed forward to his relief.

The disaster by which two British regiments and a mountain battery were captured by the Boers has cast a gloom over the empire. This reverse cannot however effect the general result and now that Sir Redvers Buller has landed in Africa the hopes of the civilized world are rising that the end of the struggle is near. Every day brings nearer the massing of the British troops and it is expected that an advance on Bloemfontein, the capital of the Orange Free State will bring matters to a climax. No Briton can believe in any other result than the complete success of the British forces, but a finish to what has already proven itself a most disastrous war, so far as loss of life on both sides is concerned, will be welcomed by all, so that it come with honor to the imperial arms.

The insuring of the Canadian Contingent in the sum of \$1,000,000 by the Government must not be confounded with Sir Charles Tupper's lake advertising scheme. The government is insuring the life of each man in the sum of \$1000 to be paid to his heirs in case of his death from any cause whatever during the time of his enlistment. Sir Charles Tupper's Company are only insuring against loss of life in battle, and one of the conditions is that the individual must die of his wounds within 30 days and proof of loss be put in to the Company within a limited time. We will wager a big apple that not a single dollar will be paid under this latter plan, so that it savours strongly of a big advertising scheme for the benefit of Sir Charles and the company concerned rather than a real bona fide contribution to the brave men who are going to the front to represent Canada in the defense of the empire.

It will be a great relief to our volunteers to know that if death shall claim any of them, that their loved ones will be protected from immediate want by the thoughtful care of the Government. This will be so whether their death is due to the Boer bullets or not.

The Minister of Railways and Canals in one of his Ontario speeches showed that by the Crow's Nest Pass Ry. contract made by the Government with the C. P. Ry the latter had been forced to make a reduction of 3 cents a bushel on wheat transportation and from 10 to 30 per cent on the rates of transportation on other goods carried over the C. P. Ry. Three cents a bushel reduction in the carriage of grain means a saving of no less than \$750,000 a year to the farmers of Western Canada. Yet those pure minded patriots in charge of the Conservative party condemn the making of such business arrangements by the Government. No doubt they

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No wonder our genial M. P. looked so unhappy at the Conservative meeting at Kingston, for his friends who spoke made him frown more than once by their indiscreet utterances. Mr. Foster's uncalled-for attack on the Kent Northern Ry. was a display of ignorance and discourtesy seldom equalled on a public platform, while Mr. Powell's attack on THE REVIEW for its exposure of the partisan treatment of the electorate under the iniquitous Dominion Franchise Act (since repealed) only served to recall to the minds of his audience the ancient wrongs under which they had suffered. Mr. McInerney might well pray to be delivered from his friends.

Mr. Foster's absolute refusal to bind either himself or his party to a prohibition measure if the Conservatives should be returned to power is proof positive of his insincerity in attacking the Government for not passing such legislation. He says he merely intends to test the temperance people. The Temperance people have already tested Mr. Foster pretty thoroughly. "He has been weighed in the balance and found wanting."

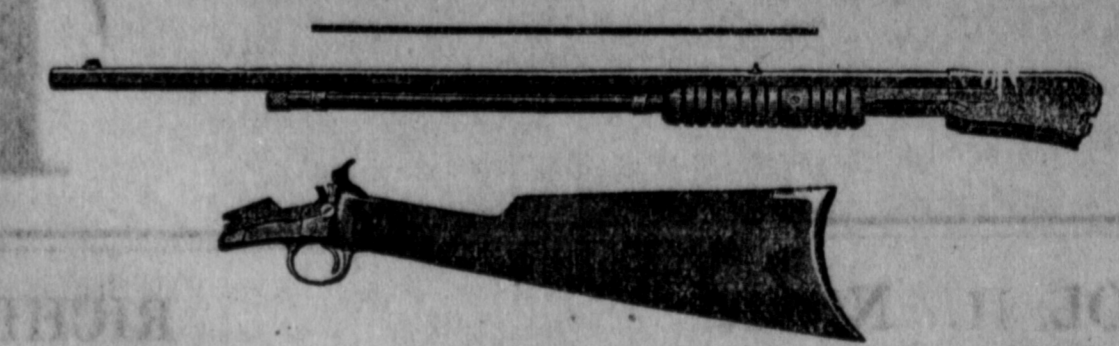
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IN WHICH A FORMER MONCTONIAN IS CONCERNED: MAY BE FATAL.

CALGARY, N. W. T., Nov. 6.—E. A. Harris, formerly of Moncton, N. B., yesterday shot his business partner, Geo. G. Guoin, in the abdomen, using a 32 calibre French revolver. Harris and his wife had rooms in the Thompson block, and Guoin had his bachelor quarters in the same block. Jealousy was the cause. There was a terrible struggle in which Harris had his hands badly bitten. Harris shot Guoin, who received a bad wound in the forehead. Mrs. Harris gave the alarm to Dr. Inch whose office was across the hall. The doctor found the two men on the floor, Harris trying to use his gun again. Inch grabbed the gun and took Harris off who got into a rig and started for the Montana boundary, 40 miles south. Later Harris returned and gave himself up. The doctors found that bullets had perforated Guoin's intestines in nine places, lodging near the spine. They report that the injured man may recover. General sympathy is expressed here with the young husband, though Guoin is a so-called popular, having recently returned from Dawson where he had been quite successful in mining.

ESCAPED FROM THE ASYLUM.

ST. JOHN, Nov. 6.—John Savoy, of Shippegan, Gloucester, escaped from the Lunatic Asylum Sunday evening and has not yet been recaptured. This is the third occasion in which Savoy made his escape. It was only about three minutes from the time of his departure until the officials were aware of it, and then a prompt search was instituted and kept up all through the night, but without finding any trace of him. The last time he escaped he returned of his own accord.

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