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A FAIR TEST.

"The ruin or prosperity of a state depends so much on the administration of its government that to be acquainted with the merit of a ministry, we need only observe the condition of the people. If we see them obedient to the laws, prosperous in their industry, united at home, and respected abroad, we may reasonably presume that their affairs are conducted by men of experience, ability and virtue."—Junius.

Applying this test to the past four years' administration is sufficient to convince any unprejudiced mind that the Liberal government is worthy of the support of every fair-minded elector who has the good of his country at heart.

LIBERAL DOCTRINE.

In his new book, "The English in Africa," the Hon. David Mills concludes a chapter with an eloquent personal expression of intelligent patriotism and loyalty, which shows him to be animated by the same spirit as our worthy Premier, Sir Wilfred Laurier. Mr. Mills says:—"I have sat for more than thirty years in the Parliament of this country, and I have been impressed with two truths which I desire to emphasize here. The first is, that the service of the Crown is entirely consistent with the service of the people; and the second is, the highest prosperity of every part of this great empire can only be reached by the maintenance of its integrity. I trust, then, for ages to come the character and features of the mother will be found in each of her numerous progeny. The old courage, the old patience, the old constancy, the old faith in the right, the old determination to hold all we have; and, as a great family among the races of men, to remain united, having in our international relations 'one life, one flag, one fleet, one throne,' to all of which we are devoted, and for which we are ready to make whatever sacrifices may be necessary to uphold them and make them now and always the emblems of freedom and justice among men."—Toronto Globe.

HERE AND THERE

The Capital of the Transvaal is now situate in a railway car. Soon it will be located under President Kruger's hat. Then if it don't capitulate, it may be necessary to take off Oom Paul's head in order to capture it.

The surplus of revenue over expenditure for the past 11 months is \$12,531,563, and not even the rauhkest tory can claim there has been any increase of the tariff since 1897, while the British preference has been increased from 12½ per cent. to 33½ per cent.,

showing a decided reduction in tariff taxation. This seems conclusive proof that increased revenue is possible under reduced taxation, as the Liberal party have ever claimed.

The proposition to run a weekly freight and passenger service, winter and summer, from St. John to Liverpool, is one result of the success of the winter port service already established. A conference of those interested is to be held in St. John on the 21st instant, and there would seem little reason to doubt that such a service will be the result, as the Elder Dempster S. S. Co. have already signified their willingness to put suitable boats on this route. Every portion of New Brunswick is interested in the movement, and particularly the farmers of our Province who are looking more and more to the markets of Great Britain as an outlet for their produce.

The General Manager of the Bank of Montreal reported at the annual meeting held last week that with the exception of British Columbia, prosperity was universal throughout Canada, crops good, the lumber output large and prices high, dairy products satisfactory in price and quantity and the railways in receipt of earnings larger than ever before in the history of Canada.

The Ottawa Journal (Independent) says:—"The noblest utterance yet made in the British cause has come from Sir Wilfred Laurier's lips, and we believe 'from his heart.'"

The depth of the tory hatred and envy of the splendid results of Liberal Administration can only be fathomed by reading the persistent and malignant falsehoods that the party press print on the Hon. I. J. Tarte. No misrepresentation is too gross or ridiculous for their utterance, no mean insinuation too base for their hatred to invent. To such a depth has partisanship been degraded under the present federal opposition.

The manly stand taken by the French Liberal organ of Quebec City (Le Soleil) over the justness of the Transvaal War is in marked contrast to the pro-Boer utterances of those tory contemporaries L'Eventment and Le Courier du Canada. Ernest Pacand, the editor of Le Soleil, is doing a work among the French people of Quebec in solidifying the spirit of Canadian unity which deserves recognition from both the English and French speaking people of Canada.

Lord Roberts, by his unvarying successes, has proven himself the Hero of the Transvaal War. In London they are busy picking out his title, but we predict in the hearts of Britons he will pass down through history by the title of Fighting Bobs.

The end of the Transvaal War is in sight and what a reception Canada's heroes will get on their return. In our jubilation over the living we must not however forget the dead heroes whose ashes are enriching the barrens of South Africa.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When the Liberals were out of power their opponents termed them "disloyal Grits," now that they are in Government they are "the accursed Grits." We wonder how long it will take the tory partisans to understand that they no longer have a monopoly on the right to live in a free Canada.

We submit for Sir Charles Tupper's reflection in his present trouble with Organizer Birmingham

and the rebellious Ontario members of the House of Commons, the remark of a gifted political writer of another century:—"An honest man like the true religion, appeals to the understanding, or modestly confides in the internal evidence of his conscience; the imposter employs force instead of argument, imposes silence where he cannot convince, and propagates his character by the sword."

The presence of the honorable member for this constituency at the ceremony in honor of the late Sir John A. McDonald and his eulogies on the political principles which he spent half a lifetime in bitterly condemning, were sufficient to provoke the contempt of his new political associates and the ridicule and derision of his old friends. We would remind Mr. McNerney of the quotation from Junius:—"The very sunshine you live in is a prelude to your dissolution. When you are ripe you shall be plucked."

The appointment of Chancellor Boyd, Judge Falconbridge and Judge MacTavish as the members of the Court to investigate election frauds has almost disarmed the Tories of their argument that the Liberals were burking investigation. Unable to say a word against the personelle of the Court, whose record is above suspicion, the tory press will probably claim they are investigating too much, especially if some of the old and new tory election frauds are revealed.

We don't hear much of Mr. Geo. E. Foster these days. Has he gone out in rebellion with the new "nest of traitors" or is he busy figuring out whether the Tupper or the traitors will win out. The wily George Eulas doesn't care which wins so long as he is with the winners. Meanwhile the people of Canada have made up their minds not to trust either faction of the Tories.

What a happy family the Conservative party is, anyway. The only point on which their leaders agree is in wanting office, and the trouble is no one particular leader will agree to any other of his fellows getting anything. The funny part of it is that they are all fighting over a shadow, for there is no prospect of a Conservative cabinet at Ottawa for some years to come.

It must be hard for Sir Charles Tupper, the Discoverer of Canada, to find that his ungrateful country persists in being prosperous under a Liberal Administration. Perhaps after all the genius for government was not a monopoly enjoyed by Conservatives; or perhaps after having had 18 years of genius for government coupled with unexampled boodling and political corruption, the country is relieved and benefitted to be governed by men of mere common sense and honesty. Whichever it is, there is no doubt the change of parties in control was a boon to the people of Canada.

The ordinary citizen is not so much concerned about the reasons for the prevailing good times of the past four years and is content to accept the prosperity as a welcome fact without any theories. Not many however are willing to take chances on the good times continuing if the old conditions are put in effect. In a word, prosperity came with the Liberal advent to power in 1896, whether one admits that it was the effect of that cause or not, and the people are prosperous and contented under present conditions as they have not been for years before. Liberal rule has proven a blessing

instead of the curse that the Tories prophesied.

Canada has confidence in Laurier.

The discreditable campaign being carried on by the Conservatives necessitates the use of contradictory arguments in different sections of the country. In Ontario, Sir Wilfred Laurier is attacked as a traitor to Britain and his race and creed are brought in as evidence of the truth of the miserable calumny; in Quebec the Premier is accused of being "British to the core" and of sacrificing French-Canadian interests; in the Maritime Provinces these arguments are used discriminately to suit the complexion of the different localities. Such base appeals are but an insult to the intelligence of the electorate and defeat the end aimed at by the rancour of their own falsity.

It Sir Charles lives long enough, he will be claiming in a year or two that he instituted the British preference in the Fielding Tariff. We have been expecting at any moment to hear that it was his suggestion to the government. As soon as he is convinced that his efforts to win Quebec are useless, he will claim this practical sample of patriotism as his own.

Opposition promises are as futile as they are ridiculous. Why, the tory leaders would promise every voter an office and a substitute to do the work free of charge, if they thought it would return them to power. The promises made by their underlings are even more ridiculous as being even more lacking in ability of fulfillment. We judge the Conservative government of the future by the only sensible test—their past administrations. Like all prodigals, the Conservative leaders wait until they have squandered the patrimony before they evince any signs of repentance.

Sir Hibbert Tupper is becoming a rival of Dr. Sproule, M. P., as the bore of the House of Commons. Last session Sir Hibbert made two speeches of nine and seven hours duration on the Yukon matters, but this year he is making the same speeches in instalments. Needless to say he speaks to empty benches, for when he rises in his seat the word Yukon is murmured and the members flee.

Sir Wiltred Laurier has again expressed his views on the Transvaal War. He said in part:—

"I think that never in the history of the world has there been a war waged with greater reason and justness. . . . 'If there ever was a more just war in history than this one, I have not heard of it. The member from 'Labelle (Bourassa) claims that he 'has a right to speak for the 'French Canadians. Now I think 'that I have as much right to 'speak for the French Canadians 'as he. I say that they approve 'of the war, to a man almost, and 'they have proved it on the field 'of battle. . . . I say again that 'the result of this war will be liberty, equality and justice for all 'the people that are in South Africa.'"

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NEWTON, MASS.

JUNE 7.—After a long silence I thought I had better sum up a portion of my courage and write a few items.

The weather of the past week has been dark and rainy, and does not require the sprinklers to keep down the dust.

The May party which was given by the St. Bernard's Aid Society was a decided success, and all the young folks seemed to enjoy themselves, considering the steady downpour of rain during the evening.

There was an eclipse of the sun on Monday which made the day almost as dark as night.

Miss Mary Devlin, of Berkely street, is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Miss Mary A. Graham, formerly of Main River, N. B., spent Monday of last week visiting old friends in West Newton.

A number of our folks intend going East to spend the summer months, among the number being Mrs. Charles Robert, of Waltham street.

Miss Alice Hallie has returned from Kentucky, and we are pleased to see our friend Charlie once more.

A party of young folks took an electric car ride to Lexington, Concord, on Sunday. They all enjoyed themselves immensely, with the exception of one young lady who was unable to reach West Newton till eight.

Mr. P. I. Armitage has again resumed his position, and we are delighted to have him in our midst once more.

Mr. John Harvystok, of Washington street, spent Sunday in Malden, the guest of his brother Mr. James Harvystok.

Miss Mamie Caster, of Lynn, spent Sunday in West Newton visiting the Miss McLeary's.

EYKIE.

Children Cry for CASTORIA. THE WAR.

BOERS CLAIM TO HAVE RETAKEN BLOEMFONTEIN.

LORENZO MARQUES, June 12.—The consul for the Transvaal announces officially that the Boers have retaken Bloemfontein and that Steyn has returned to the capital. He reports that the British have sustained a severe defeat at Elandsfontein where there was heavy fighting before Lord Roberts left Johannesburg.

BOERS SUFFER A DEFEAT AT HONINGSPRUIT.

LONDON, June 12.—Kelly-Kenny cables the war office that our troops from the north are at Honingspruit, where the Boers cut the British lines, having defeated the enemy, and will be at America Siding tomorrow at eight in the morning. NOTE.—This would seem to give a denial to the former despatch that the Boers had recaptured Bloemfontein.

BULLER FORCES ALMOND'S NEK PASS.

LONDON, June 12.—The War Office has posted the following despatch from General Buller:—"Headquarters in Natal June 11. We forced Almond's Nek today. It is not marked on the map, but is a defile to Charleston flats. The enemy were in considerable force with several guns in position. The brunt of the fighting fell upon the second Dorsets who carried the position at the point of the bayonet and the third Cavalry brigade who were heavily attacked on our right from a very broken country round the Wietini mountain. I hope our casualties are less than one hundred, which considering the extreme length of the position is much less than expected. The whole attack was directed by Hilyard whose dispositions were extremely good. The Artillery, Tenth brigade and Third cavalry brigade did most of the work."

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SITUATION AT PEKIN. EVERYTHING POINTS TO AN OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES.

LONDON, June 12, 3 a. m.—The last message out of Pekin to reach London left there yesterday at 11 a. m. going via the Russian telegraph through Manchuria, the Tien Tsin line being cut. It is as follows: "Gen. Tung, a Mohammedan, extremely hostile to foreigners, arrived here this morning and had a long audience with Prince Tuan, father of the heir apparent, who is extremely friendly to the Boers. Prince Tuan has been appointed chief of the foreign office over Prince Ching, who is more friendly toward foreigners. The despatch of more marines is in response to telegrams from the ministers to the consuls at Tien Tsin for additional troops. Conveyances have left Pekin to get the troops coming by the first train. The arrival of the Empress Dowager has rendered the city somewhat more quiet than it had been recently. The Protestants have erected a barricade before the building, in which they have taken refuge and have a small guard. The Catholics are concentrated north of the cathedral under the protection of the French guards, 25 men, who will hold out to the end. I am convinced that Pekin, especially the Tartar city, is safe. At Tien Tsin the viceroy finally consented to furnish transport for a relief force of 400 under an American commander. The partial restoration of the railway is expected to be effected by to-morrow."

More massacres of Christians are reported. Shanghai, under yesterday's date, cables that there has been street fighting in Pekin since early Sunday afternoon. The Russians are making large purchases of canned provisions at Shanghai and everything points to an outbreak of hostilities. All British missionaries will probably be ordered to return quickly to treaty ports.