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REASON OR PREJUDICE—WHICH?

We have from time to time referred to the shameless campaign of slander against the Laurier Administration to which the Montreal Star, St. John Sun, Moncton Times and other members of the opposition's subsidized press have descended in their desperation. So confident was Sir Charles Tupper that a monopoly of governing power rested in himself and his colleagues, that he and the press friendly to him at first spent their effort in prophesying the utter ruin which had befallen Canadian industries with the advent of Liberal rule. Sir Charles made the following declaration on the passing of the Fielding Revenue Tariff in April, 1897, a declaration more ridiculous for its present falsity and lack of comprehension of the future than was ever made by any other Canadian statesman:

"The result is that this tariff goes into operation, and the honorable gentleman knows that the industries of this country are already paralyzed in consequence, while honorable members gloat, vindictively gloat over the destruction of Canadian industries. I was reading the wail, the sorrowful wail of those industries in the Montreal Gazette, where one manufacturer after another declared that those industries were ruined, that their mills must close, and that they saw staring them in the face a return to the deplorable state of things that existed when the honorable gentleman who last addressed the house (Cartwright) was in charge of the fiscal policy of the country. I say that a deeper wrong was never inflicted upon Canada. I feel, that so far from rejoicing at it from a party standpoint I deplore from the bottom of my heart the ruin that is going to be inflicted upon the best interests of Canada and upon its great industries."

As compared with the fiction of the politician, compare the statement of facts of the business man contained in the address of Mr. Chas. F. Smith, the Conservative President of the Montreal Board of Trade on retiring from office the other day.

"I am very happy to state that the reports from one end of the country to the other go to show that Canada has been most prosperous during the past year. Certainly the small traders have had a prosperous year and the wholesale traders report almost unanimously that they have had less losses during that period than for many years past, while the manufacturers of the Dominion have been more than busy, as a rule, from one end of the country to the other."

Gratifying as such a statement coming from such a reliable source must be to the country it is fully

sustained by the facts, as Mr. Smith showed by a careful reference to the figures relating to the foreign trade and banking business of Canada for the past fifty years. Nor is this revival of trade confined in our country to the exports and imports, for as the President of the Toronto Board of Trade—also a Conservative in politics—showed in his annual address recently the enormous increase since 1896 is shared and fully shared by the domestic and inter-provincial commerce although no figures are obtainable to estimate exactly the extent:

"The volume of our imports and exports shows a substantial increase, yet I am convinced that if statistics could be procured showing the value of our local and inter-provincial trade, we would be highly gratified at the large increases which have been made during the past year. I feel satisfied that the large excess of earnings of our two great railways last year over the year previous, of \$5,250,000, must be attributed largely to increase in local and inter-provincial trade."

And this gentlemen also refers to the fact that Canadian prosperity is not confined to one section of the Dominion or to one class, but is prevalent in all trades from Vancouver to Cape Breton. Speaking of the Maritime Provinces, he says:

"Our maritime provinces have enjoyed better trade than for many years past. New hope seems to have come to this section of the Dominion, and we find in many parts new enterprises springing up. In some places there has been a revival of the shipbuilding industry; the coal trade and the lumber industry are said to be on a profitable and satisfactory basis. An industry of world-wide importance, and which will prove to be of national and local benefit, is now in course of development at Sydney, in Cape Breton, under the name of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co."

Is it any wonder in the light of such testimony that the Conservative leaders and the Conservative press no longer discuss politics, and that in the place of facts and figures they have substituted fiction and slander. They understand full well that if the Laurier Administration is to be judged by its record in government, the Liberal majority will be greater at the next elections than it was in 1896. Such gratifying results have been produced by its sound business policy and the consequent business confidence in a sensible administration that the people of Canada would consider it little less than madness to voluntarily return to the National Policy and the business conditions which kept back the progress of the country under the various Conservative regimes from 1878 to 1896. A discussion of the true issues is fatal to Conservative success at the polls, and so in the place of sensible politics the Conservative party has substituted buncomb. Under the guise of the natural outburst of Canadian patriotic feeling, the Conservative leaders think to work their political ends by means of the race and religious cry. As Mr. Geo. E. Foster's organizer put it: "The next Dominion elections would not be run on political lines altogether, but the fight would be between Roman Catholics and the Protestants. Some people would say 'do not raise a religious cry,' but he thought it was time a religious cry was raised, as the present Government was filling up every office of importance with Roman Catholics as fast as possible."

The attempt to prove Sir Wilfred Laurier and the French-speaking Canadians to be traitors has been incorporated into the campaign of slander and the Con-

servative party leaders are congratulating the firebrands of the Hetherington stripe with the promised success of their slanders. At the polls will be settled the question whether the Canadian electorate is swayed by its reason or its passion and prejudice. The Conservative party look to passion and prejudice winning the day, but its leaders were mistaken in 1896 and they will be mistaken once more.

THE SESSION.

The present session of the Parliament of Canada which was called together a week ago is in all probability the last of the present House of Commons and for that reason we may look forward to a more tiresome session than that of 1899 if such a thing were possible. It is awful to think of a repetition of Sir Hibbert Tupper's seven and nine hour doses of street slander and of the column after column of free campaign literature which the economical opposition members will torture parliament with in order that at the country's expense it may be afterwards circulated throughout their own constituency. Who says the life of the member of Parliament is not an unhappy one? Let him spend one day in the House when Sir Charles Tupper is favouring the members with an ordinary dose of simile verbosity and the visitor will wonder how men keep their reason when forced day after day to listen to such twaddle. Therein lies the secret. The members do not listen to it, at least not after they have spent one session in Ottawa. A great deal of the speaking no one hears except the man who is speaking, and possibly the speaker who, poor man, is supposed to exhibit that courtesy to the greatest bore. We remember a case of a French member of the House who waiting his chance at an all night session when the leaders of the Government had retired or were asleep at their desks made the speech of his life. He hurled defiance across the floors of the House and dared the Ministers of the Crown to venture a reply. His words fell but on the deaf ears of the absent and drowsy, and working himself into a fine frenzy (of course for publication) he closed with a magnificent peroration in which the truth was depicted as thundering triumphant at the doors of dismayed and rebuked extravagance and corruption. That speech printed was valuable for campaign purposes but no one except the speaker and the stenographers heard a word the member said.

We may expect to have the Opposition spend many days telling their constituents how patriotic they are.—with their mouth as Kipling would add. The sum total of balderdash and buncomb will be equally mixed with slander and jingoism, and the only pity of it is that the members will not speak it into a gramophone and give the patient public a chance to destroy the perishable records. Talk, talk, talk which only obstructs and delays the transaction of public business is sometimes mistaken for a needful accompaniment to it. As a rule in parliaments the men who talk least attend best to the committee work and the hundred and one necessities of their constituency. As a member of the long-suffering public we trust the opposition will not give us a repetition of weeks of useless talk.

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The Telegraph in its new form is without doubt the best paper published east of Montreal, and we have great pleasure in joining with its readers in commendation of the enterprise which has placed it in the forefront of Canadian journalism. New Brunswickers friendly to the present administration at Ottawa will no longer be driven to reading papers obnoxious to them in a political sense for the sake of getting the news in pleasant form, for the new Telegraph fills the bill in every particular and can fairly be said to be in a class by itself among the newspapers of the Maritime Provinces.

THE WAR.

By the time this issue is in the hands of our readers there will in all probability be news of an important engagement between the British and the Boers. The rumor that General Buller was intending to make another attempt to relieve Ladysmith was at first received with incredulity, but as the past week has brought word of movements across the Tugela River which are only comprehensible in view of another advance on the beleaguered British post, this has changed into a general acceptance of the rumor. The British public

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for the past few days has been awaiting with strained anxiety for the tidings of weal or woe. So often has the national heart been saddened by the receipt of tidings of unanticipated defeat, that a gloom has come over the Empire deeper than it has experienced since the days of the Crimean War. Out of the gloom however has gleamed the brightness of the reality of the Empire's unity. What in the past had been but a glorious dream of British Imperialism, is being slowly forged into actual and potential reality before the eyes of a startled world. For good or for ill, through national tribulation as through national success, the great self-governing colonies must in future be bound to the mother land by a tie destructible only by the breaking up of the British Empire. As soon as the far cloud has passed and the face of Africa been made British, the colonies must settle for themselves the part they wish to play in the bearing of Imperial Rule and Imperial burthens. The War with the Transvaal has indeed been far reaching in its results.

A P. E. ISLAND MAN'S FIND.

John D. McDonald, of Naufrange, made a valuable find a few weeks ago in what is supposed to be a very large quantity of ambergris, says the Charlottetown Patriot. This find lay on the shore of Naufrange for almost two weeks, the inhabitants attaching no particular value to it, but as it resembles lard they meant some time to take it home to use for making soap. Mr. McDonald, when he heard the nature of the material, at once inferred that it was ambergris, and thus more precious than gold and diamonds, and he at once proceeded to the shore and took it home, for beside it lay the body of a whale, and ambergris is supposed to be a diseased growth in the intestines of a large whale. Mr. McDonald has made inquiries abroad as to the value of his find and has ascertained that it is worth from \$5 to \$30 per ounce. As his find weighs about 120 lbs., it will be seen that it is worth between \$8,000 and \$48,000. Samples have been sent to experts in Montreal, New York and St. John, N. B., and it remains to be seen what the value of his find really is.

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