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CAMPAIGN OF 1900.

A SHORT AND PLAIN STATEMENT OF FACTS.

(Continued from last week.)

THE RACE CAMPAIGN.

Nothing in the history of our Canadian political life has been so despicable as the attempt of the present Opposition to arouse racial prejudices, except it be the further effort to excuse themselves behind the unfounded assertion that the campaign in this regard was begun by the Liberals.

The temptation to adopt a course of this character lay in the fact that the present Prime Minister is a French-Canadian, and in that sense the representative of a people in the minority. In order to make capital out of this fact, and to stir up a prejudice against him in the English-speaking Provinces, no inuendo has been considered too mean, no invention too unscrupulous, no misrepresentation too flagrant. For months past the Conservative press has teemed with stories and statements calculated to set English-speaking electors against the Government on racial grounds. Than this, no agitation could be fraught with greater danger to the highest interests of Canada. It is not perhaps of deep consequence to many whether the dominant party at Ottawa is called Liberal or Conservative; but it is of the first importance to everybody that there should be hearty and sympathetic co-operation between the two great races into which our population is divided. Upon that harmonious action depend the progress and destiny of our Dominion.

The story of this campaign, and its double character is so well told by the Toronto "Globe" in its issue of 23rd August; that the article is appended in full:—

THE RACE CAMPAIGN.

"No public man within the British dominions has ever more pitifully misinterpreted the true spirit of Imperialism than Sir Charles Tupper during the last twelve months in Canada.

"Out of a sky threatening, but not quite overcast, came suddenly the Boer ultimatum. We are convinced that while the British Ministers were very determined to secure some substantial redress of the grievances of British subjects in the Transvaal they did not mean war, and that they did not aim to subvert the independence of the republics. They believe that a republic could not refuse equal rights to any element of its population, and mere sanguine that persistent and determined pressure would induce the Pretoria oligarchy to surrender and

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force the concession of the franchise and the mitigation of abuses and monopolies which for years had fed upon the non-Dutch-speaking people of the country. But the British ministers misjudged the temper of President Kruger and his associates. These held out against all persuasion and all pressure, and the war came. Then the old land braced herself for the battle, and the colonies moved to her side and a united empire fronted the belligerent republics and those foreign powers that seemed to menace the old mother of free communities.

"What was the part played by Sir Charles Tupper and his press in Canada? Here we have two races, as they have two races in South Africa. Here, too, the race spirit is easily touched, and estrangements easily made, and national solidarity easily broken. We have a French-speaking Province and a French-speaking Prime Minister. While as in a moment, the British spirit in Ontario flamed into the red heat of war, in Quebec the war spirit found less fuel to feed upon, and Imperialism had less open and less decisive expression among the people. This was an opportunity for statesmen to speak words of conciliation, and by prudent utterance to win the people of Quebec to greater sympathy with the aggressive Imperialism of Ontario. It was a time to moderate faction and sectionalism, and to take care that in putting down race tyranny in South Africa we did not breed racial animosities and create racial divisions in Canada.

"But far different was the course of the Conservative press and the Conservative politicians, and no word of rebuke or remonstrance came from Sir Charles Tupper. All over the English-speaking Provinces a shriek of disloyalty was raised against Quebec. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was cartooned as a skulker and a coward. Great bundles of inflammatory partisan literature were sent into the English-speaking communities. In some cases the reports were even specially doctored for English consumption. All that could be done to defame the French Prime Minister, to enflame public feeling against Quebec, and to turn British sentiment against the Liberal leaders was done, and was done rashly, intemperately and most vociferously by the press and speakers of the Conservative party in Ontario and the other English speaking Provinces.

"But the Government stood firmly and moved steadily. The Premier spoke wisely and in the true temper of a British statesman. He appealed to the chivalry

of Quebec and to the justice of Ontario, and soon won the whole country to recognition of the necessity of sending out a Canadian contingent to South Africa. The contingent was promptly and splendidly equipped, and almost summarily despatched, and it moved down the St. Lawrence with the enthusiastic cheers of the people of the old French capital ringing in its ears. Feeling in all the Provinces had now been moderated and harmonized, and so far as we could see, a United Canada offered her sons to the cause of a united empire. Reverses came. Battles were lost. There was gloom and recrimination at home. In the dark hour Canada spoke again. We sent out a second contingent, and gave irrefutable evidence of the concern of the Liberal Government for British prestige and of the zeal of that Government in the cause of British unity and British Freedom.

"Then what happened? For months the Ministers had been flogged for an alleged lack of zeal for Imperial concerns, and an alleged want of appreciation of their duties and obligations as the administrators of the affairs of a great British colony in a time of war and a day of peril to the empire. It was found that the action of the Government had satisfied all reasonable people in the English-speaking Provinces, and it was vain further to attempt to make party capital by denouncing Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues as pro-French and non-Imperial. And, lo, what a change! Just then Sir Charles Tupper went down to Quebec, and made a speech at the Garrison Club. He took advantage of the occasion to present Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the French-Canadian people as the High Priest of Imperialism and as the visionary advocate of a scheme of Imperial federation that would destroy the Independence of Canada and mulct us in tens of millions of dollars annually for Imperial defence. As in a moment every anti-Imperialist in Quebec rushed to his standard, party campaign documents were got out denouncing Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a traitor to the free institutions of Canada, and as bearing upon his conscience the responsibility for the blood of every Canadian who had fallen in the cause of the Empire in South Africa. Daily the French-Canadian Conservative press repeats these charges, pillories the Prime Minister as a traitor of his race and creed, and as a patron of British aggression, as the friend of an Imperial federation that will destroy self-government in Canada and put us under the heel of Westminster.

"Now, we say that Sir Wilfrid Laurier through all this South African controversy, has sought to heal and to unite, and that Sir Charles Tupper and his press have sought to wound and to divide. The Conservative politicians have plunged from excess of Imperialism in Ontario into excess of anti-Imperialism in Quebec. They have played the hand of little politicians instead of that of Imperial statesmen. They have been false to all the best traditions of the Macdonald era. They have alternately cursed and coddled Quebec. Blind to the fearful lesson of South Africa, they have been ready to play upon race prejudice, English or French, in order to promote paltry party objects, and on both Canadian and Imperial grounds they deserve to be punished by an overwhelming rejection at the polls at the coming election."

A CLEAN RECORD.

The record of the Laurier Administration not only shows great capability, but is absolutely free from reproach. It has been clean.

Opponents may charge corruption, in the hope that credulous people will believe them; but the fact remains that not an iota of proof can be adduced in support of such allegations. They speak of "deals" and scandals, because that is their notion of influencing public judgment; but they cannot substantiate their statements in that regard. There is not a Minister in the Cabinet against whom the shadow of wrong-doing can be established. On the contrary, each Minister has been singularly successful in the administration of his own Department, and has at the same time maintained an unblemished reputation.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DONE.

(From the Toronto Globe.)

"The Liberal Government has reduced Imperial postage from five cents to two cents, and domestic postage from three cents to two cents.

"It has stopped the exodus.

"It has provided for the free carriage of mails on subsidized railways.

"It has made division for terminal elevators in St. John and Halifax.

"It has perfected a fourteen-foot canal system from the lakes to Montreal.

"It has constructed a Government telegraph line into the Yukon country.

"It has admitted the West Indies to the advantages of the preferential tariff.

"It has provided for the construction of a bridge across the St. Lawrence at Quebec.

"It is legislating to remove the elevator grievance in Manitoba and the Territories.

"It has replaced 'the nest of traitors' by a strong, harmonious and united Government.

"It has guaranteed Canada's full share of the cost of the construction of the Pacific cable.

"It has settled the school question without resort to the hateful policy of Federal coercion.

"It has put a necessary check upon the participation of public officials in election contests.

"It has sent out contingents of Canadian troops to fight the battles of the Empire in South Africa.

"It has made provision for necessary improvements and enlargements of the harbor facilities at Montreal.

"It has developed and improved the system of cold-storage for Canadian shipments to British markets.

"It has extended the Intercolonial from Levis to Montreal and abolished deficits on the national railway.

"It has improved the relations between Canada and Great Britain and between Canada and the United States.

"It has a bill before parliament to prevent new railways and sidetracking existing towns on the line of construction.

"It has before Parliament an improved law of copyright which will promote and protect the publishing interest in Canada.

"It has secured from the British Government authority for trustees in Britain to invest trust funds in Canadian securities.

"It is constructing branch railways in Prince Edward Island, to which the coun-

try was pledged, and which are badly needed.

"It has hushed the cry of settlers' grievances in the West, and is filling the prairies with a prosperous and contented population.

"It has introduced the postal note system, to the great convenience of all persons who have to remit money in small amounts.

"It has increased the population, and, by adding to the number of the burden-bearers, lightened the load of the individual taxpayer.

"It has set an example to all future Governments by proposing that the constituencies shall be delimited by High Court Judges.

"It has given us for the 1894-1896 deficits of \$5,694,000 surpluses for 1898-99 of \$7,500,000 for 1900.

"It has given us the growing time for the blowing time, and prosperity in farms and factories for prosperity in statistics and adjacitives.

"It has lowered Imperial and domestic postal charges, and yet has reduced the deficit in the Post-office Department from \$780,000 to \$389,000.

"It has ordered the railways to abandon discriminating rates in favor of a corporation which for years controlled the railways of the United States.

"It has liberalized and improved the quarantine regulations between Canada and the United States, to the great advantage of Canadian stock-breeders.

"If it had not been obstructed by a partisan Senate it would have abolished the scandalous gerrymander of 1882 and the unfair redistribution measure of 1892.

"It has arranged for the construction of the Rainy River Railway, and for other branches in another great through railway system from the great lakes to the Pacific.

"It has secured the denunciation of the German and Belgian treaties, under which British colonies could not make preferential trade arrangements with the mother country.

"It has seen the trade of Canada grow from \$224,000,000 in 1897 to \$351,000,000 in 1899, and has promoted all legitimate trade interests by timely and sympathetic legislation.

"It has seen general trade conditions improve, many old factories enlarged, many new factories opened, employment became plenty and wages increased in many industries.

"It has given us a tariff which reduces the taxes on many of the necessities of life, cheapens the raw material of many manufactures, and gives a preference of 33 1/2 per cent. to the mother country.

"It has legislated against the sweating evil in Government contracts, and provided for the payment of standard wages on all public works carried on by the Government and on all works aided by grants of public money.

"It has successfully imposed and collected gold royalties in the Yukon, and made the natural resources of that remote territory meet the necessarily heavy cost of the administration of its affairs and the preservation of law and order under very exceptional conditions.

"It thought to establish an all-Canadian route to the Yukon, and if the Senate, influenced by American lobbyists, had not blocked the project, we would now hold a much stronger position in negotiating with the United States for the adjustment of the Alaskan boundary.

"It has made a contract with a strong transportation syndicate by which great grain elevators will be established at Montreal and Port Colborne, a fleet of modern grain-carriers put on the lakes, and a vastly greater volume of the products of the west carried through Canadian channels, to the great advantage of Canadian shipping centres.

"It has, by the plan adopted for the construction of the Crow's Nest Railway, secured a reduction in grain rates for the western farmer, and other freight concessions from the Canadian Pacific Railway, equal in all to from \$700,000 to \$800,000 a year; held control of the Crow's Nest Pass; reserved for competing roads the right of use of the Crow's Nest rails through the mountains; provided for

cheap coal for British Columbia smelters to the great advantage of the mining industry; taken over 50,000 acres of coal lands as a guarantee against monopoly in coal products; taken power to regulate freight rates on all traffic originating on the Crow's Nest road or destined for points on the Crow's Nest system, and made it impossible for the Canadian Pacific Railway to increase rates on many staple articles beyond the prices fixed by the Crow's Nest bargain.

TRADE ENQUIRES.

A firm of wholesale clothiers is prepared to appoint a reliable Canadian agent.

A manufacturer of chains, cables and anchors would like to hear from Canadian importers of these goods, and if trade could be established, would be prepared to appoint an agent for the Dominion.

A Yorkshire House invites offers from Canadian shippers of old rails.

A Glasgow merchant manufactures agent is open to represent a Canadian wood-pulp factory.

A Scotch firm manufacturing stable fittings, manhole covers, gully traps, grating, &c, desire to have agents in Canada to take up their class of work.

The proprietors of a fluid for preventing and removing incrustation in land marine boilers are desirous of introducing the article into the Canadian market, where they are not as yet represented.

Enquiry has come from Dresden for all the names of the most important firms in Canada trading in asbestos and of asbestos mine owners.

The manufacturers of a well known description of gas and oil engines ask to be placed in communication with a responsible Canadian house prepared to undertake the sale of their engines in Canada.

A Scotch house possessing a connection in the upholstery trade would be pleased to hear from Canadian shippers of feathers.

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TOO FAR AND TOO NEAR OF THE PICTURE.

An old photographer, who for many years made triumphal tours of the country with his tintype studio on wheels, tells in Lippincott's Magazine of an amusing development due to chemicals more subtle than any in use in his dark room.

One Fourth of July a young farmer and his sweetheart came to have some tintypes taken together. He posed them on a flight of stairs, with a balustrade between them. When he came from his dark room after developing the plate, the young fellow stepped forward and said:

"Sa-a-y, couldn't ye take that over again?"

"Why, what's the matter?" the photographer asked in surprise.

"We ain't going to like that picture a bit," was the evasive answer.

"But why not?" the photographer persisted.

"Wal," the young man blurted out, blushing to the roots of his hair, "she's too far off!"

He refused however, to pay fifty cents for a new sitting, and at last took the tintypes as they were. The next day, however, he came back to the gallery very wrathful.

"Sa-a-y," he shouted, when he saw the photographer, "take that girl off this picture! I am mad with her!"

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