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THE PRICE OF OIL.

The Conservative effort is being directed to prove that the Liberals increased the price of burning oil. What the present administration did was to reduce the duty on oil one cent a gallon and they would have reduced the duty further if such action would have been beneficial. The Mail and Empire, the recognized organ of the Conservative party, protested against the removal of the duty on oil on the ground that such action would not effect the selling price of oil but would hurt the Canadian owners of oil wells. On Friday, May 4th last the Mail and Empire came out with the following editorial on the subject:

"Papers friendly to the Ottawa Government are asserting that 'the way out in the case of the Standard Oil monopoly is by the complete removal of the protective duty on oil. Let us see how 'this would work. The octopus 'does not own the Canadian oil 'wells; it simply buys their product. In these wells Canadian 'money is invested, and thousands 'of Canadian people are dependent upon them. If the duty be 'removed the Standard Oil Company need not buy one barrel of 'Canadian crude oil. It can import crude to refine in its Canadian refinery; or it can bring in 'refined oil from its United States 'establishments. Thus the removal of the protective duty will 'hit Canadians and not bother the 'octopus at all."

From the above quotation it is most apparent that neither a change of government nor a removal of the duty would effect the price of burning oil. As the Mail and Empire puts it, the oil octopus is master of the situation. That the present administration has not been inactive is a matter of record. On May 16th the Hon. W. S. Fielding reminded the House of Commons and the country of the efforts made by the administration, efforts which have been largely successful in keeping down the price of this commodity:

"I have no information respecting the affairs of the Standard Oil Company. There has been no legislation under the present Government which would assist that company in charging exorbitant prices. Every step taken by the present Government, either with respect to legislation or to departmental administration, has been in the direction of removing restrictions and lessening the price of oil. The duty on imported oil, which existed under the late Government, has been reduced. Burdensome regulations existing under that Government with respect to inspection of oil, which could only take place after it had been put in barrels, have been abolished, thus facilitating cheap and convenient methods of handling the oil. The number of points at which oil can be imported in bulk in tank cars has been increased. Permission has been given to use tank waggons. The former regulation forbidding the use of tank ships has been repealed, thus giving along the line

of water communication the opportunity to receive oil by cheap transportation. When railway companies increased their freight rates on oil in such a manner as seemed likely to prevent competition in the oil trade, the Government, on the advice of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, disallowed the increase and ordered the restoration of the former rates. In short, every step taken by the present Government in relation to the oil business has been for the purpose of removing burdensome restrictions, reducing the cost of handling the oil and cheapening the article to the consumer."

HERE AND THERE.

The Chinese difficulty might be called the Yellow fever.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is meeting with a series of orations throughout Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.

Bryan has been nominated by so many parties advocating so many principles, that if elected, he would have to be a political gymnast to carry out their various platforms.

What's wrong with inviting Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Kent County while he is in the Maritime Provinces.

The Boers would have done quite a trick if their plot to capture Lord Roberts had been successful. They evidently recognize the strong man of the war.

Smash the machine! If there are two machines, smash them both!—Star. Wait until the people get a chance, Mr. Graham, and both the Star and Le Journal will get a black eye, all right, all right.

The recent railway bridge calamities at Grand Falls on the C. P. R. and at Cody's on the Central Ry. are causing much truth to be spoken of the disgraceful condition in which many dangerous railway structures are maintained. A Railway Commission such as they have in Maine would not be out of place in this Province.

The most ardent Conservative in Kent is the sometime Vice-President of the New Brunswick Liberal Association, who to gain power, renounced his political principles. Perhaps his change of heart had a hoodoo influence on his new party.

The political works of fiction which have been circulated through Kent County under the guise of campaign literature, are worthy of a Baron Munchausen. Fiction is not what the voters desire to decide their politics.

The discovery of silver in Northumberland County has raised the farm values on the lower stretches of the Renous River. We hope the find is more substantial than the gold discovery on the Nashwaak River two years ago.

The extension of the I. C. R. to Montreal and the new life put in the road is more to our people than any amount of silver-tongued oratory. Anything that makes possible the absorption of the Kent Northern and Buctouche & Moncton Ry. and the consequent development of these local branches by the I. C. R., the people of this county will hold up both hands for. Let us see to it that we do not place obstacles to our own future.

The death of Lord Russell, Chief Justice of England, is of more than common interest to New Brunswickers, as it is only a year since he visited our Province and made many personal friends,

"Be ye also ready" is an injunction the force of which is being thrust upon us every day.—St. Andrews Beacon.

Kent County has been favoured for ten years with a member who is known as one of the silver-tongued orators of the Dominion. We can afford to have a worker for the next five years.

Talk is cheaper to-day than it ever was.

BREVITIES.

Tupper and loyalty in Ontario; Tupper and disloyalty in Quebec.

If it wasn't for the dual language, the tory campaign literature circulated in New Brunswick would serve other sections also by merely adding a postscript thus: P. S. Reverse for Quebec.

The St. John Sun figures that if Mr. Foster were now Finance Minister the rate per head of taxation would be 10 per cent. less than it is. The Sun forgets that there might have been nobody to tax by this time.

The trade of Canada increased \$132,000,000 in the past 4 years. It would have taken 40 years under tory rule to have accomplished as much.

When Mr. Geo. E. Foster gives vent to his righteous indignation over West Elgin election frauds, he generously forgets the stolen ballot boxes which secured his own election in Kings County, N. B., in 1891.

The Pecksniff family still lives or the tories wouldn't try to pose as political purists.

The deal to hand over the I. C. Ry. to the C. P. R. may increase the tory corruption fund, but it wouldn't improve the condition of the people of the Maritime Provinces.

The West is groaning over the extortions of railway monopoly. It is too expensive a luxury for these eastern Provinces to indulge in.

What has Canada to gain from a return of the Conservatives to power? The nest of traitors, stagnated trade, increasing debt and decreasing population. No thanks! Canada can stand another 5 years of prosperity.

Laurier, Loyalty and Liberalism has made Canada a nation.

With more capable leaders and a more progressive policy, the Liberals have renewed the faith of Canadians in themselves and the future of their country.

The only difference between Krugerism and Tupperism is that Kruger is probably more honest in his convictions.

The British Preference of Canadian goods has been brought nearer to accomplishment by every reduction in the duties on British Imports into Canada.

In English, Sir Charles Tupper is the father of Imperial Federation; in French "Sir Charles Tupper combats the idea." Its a great idea to have a campaign literature to suit every fancy.

The Hamilton Spectator (Conservative) was right in 1896 when it accused Mr. Geo. E. Foster and his nest of traitors of having refused to put "principles, consistency, honor and duty before their own interests and their own inclinations. They may wreck the party, but if they do, they will go down with the wreck and never rise again. The party will survive defeat and regain power,

but the men who lead it into "temporary defeat will never be trusted again."

In five years the nest of traitors will probably have learnt this lesson.

Canada cannot afford in 1900 to trust the very men who in 1896 proved themselves false to "principles, consistency, honor and duty."

Will some kind Conservative please explain how his party expects to reduce the price of coal oil?

The Conservative leaders might have taken a diet of "Protose" during the session, as they were doing nothing else that was useful, so they could have made affidavits for themselves on its sustaining power.

Mr. Foster's wail over the rise in price of whiskey and tobacco is not in keeping with his prohibitionist, anti-tobaccanist principles.

The removal of the vexatious quarantine regulations on cattle exported from Canada to the United States has had a wonderful effect on stock exports. From 1893 to 1896, Canada only exported 3,762 head of cattle valued at \$52,606; from 1897 to 1900 these amounted to 254,503 head valued at \$3,710,066, or an increase of \$3,650,000 in one line. Not a bad shewing for the first farmer Minister of Agriculture.

From 1880 to 1896 the population of Canada remained stationary; in the past 4 years we have not only held our own people in the country but have added at least 100,000 immigrants.

Canadians to-day instead of migrating southward to the United States follow Horace Greeley's advice if they want a change and "go west." And it is to the Canadian west they go

There is not a single constituency in New Brunswick in which the Government has not given more expenditure in the shape of necessary public works during the past four years than was expended in the previous 10 years. We don't have to wonder what the Government does with its finances as we used to do. Kent notices the difference.

Mr. Geo. V. McInerney bases his hopes of victory on a division among the Liberals of Kent County. To be forewarned, is to be forearmed.

Kent will be in line with the other North Shore Counties in strengthening the hands of the Hon. A. G. Blair who has proven a doer of things. We in this County have a rebuke ready for the inaction, vacility and weakness of our present representative that will deter future members from neglecting the interests of the County.

It is to be a fight to the finish between Blair and Foster; we don't intend to be with the mourners.

CLIPPINGS.

An article entitled "The People Can Win" is going the rounds of the Conservative papers. Of course they can and will; but we are surprised that our Conservative contemporaries should lose heart so early in the game.

The Mail now alleges that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has a free trade record. Not quite. But there have been some important changes in the direction of freedom: (1) A reduction in the general rate of taxation; (2) the transference to the free list of corn, fencing wire, Indian corn, cream separators, etc.; (3) a large reduction in the duties on iron and steel; (4) a special reduction of one-third of the duties on British imports.—Toronto Globe.

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In an article entitled "Race Against Race," and dealing with the political campaign in Canada, The Buffalo Express says:—"To this sort of warfare the Toronto Mail and Empire seems disposed. The Mail retaliates first by asserting that L'Etoile is a government organ (which is inaccurate), and declares that 'the battle shout of Laurier and Tarte in Quebec is that no English-speaking Canadian must be permitted to become the First Minister' in that country. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's career as Premier of Canada does not bear out the assumption that he is likely to have anything to do with spreading abroad any but conciliatory sentiments between the two Canadian nationalities which other political leaders do not hesitate to array against each other whenever occasion offers. Racial antagonism is the Canadian bloody shirt, and The Mail and Empire waves it most dexterously."

POLITICAL FEELING IN THE EAST.

The Mitchell Recorder prints the following letter from a large fruit-grower in Nova Scotia:—"Speaking of politics, I think the east will do much better for Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the coming election than it did in 1896. Talk as the Opposition newspapers and politicians may, there is a solid prosperity in the eastern Provinces now than has been known and felt for many years; and there is just as solid and deeply fixed a conviction that Mr. Laurier and his Administration have had something to do with it. . . . At all events there is no desire for a change, and I think the feeling of satisfaction with things as they are will tell strongly for the party in power at the next election. I note from the western papers that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is as popular with the Protestant Liberals of Ontario as he is here in the east, and he deserves all his popularity. Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. George E. Foster have both lost their grip down here, though there is a very natural pride still remaining of having produced and being able to claim men of their recognized ability. What will the west do for Mr. Laurier in the coming election? We are hoping for better things from Ontario than we have yet witnessed, and we hope to show the west that we can do better things down here. I have been pretty well through the apple districts, and have heard from other localities, as well as from the sister Provinces, and the same feeling of contentment with things political and the same expressions of confidence in Mr. Laurier are met with everywhere. A defeat for the present Government, in fact, is considered by all Liberals and candid Conservatives as an impossibility."

THE QUEBEC PAMPHLET.

On pages 9 and 10 of Conservative Pamphlet No. 6, recognized and endorsed by Le Journal, the Montreal Conservative organ, will be found an account of the "fatal consequences of Imperial federation." The article is based upon a report in La Presse of the meeting of the British Empire League in Ottawa last March, and we find some difficulty in

separating La Presse matter from that of the writer of the pamphlet. However, it is all endorsed by the latter. Here it is:—

Whither does political federation lead us?

The Imperial Federation League, or rather the British Empire League, as it disguises itself to-day, held its loyal meetings in the Parliament buildings at Ottawa the 15th of March, 1900.

As one would expect, under the circumstances, there was a crowd, and a rush of loyalty.

The questions raised were not all new. They were largely old and largely academic.

However, there happened this year such events that one might expect an expression of opinion from that meeting, boiling with patriotism, on the subject of the role created for Canada by the precedent established at the time of the sending of the contingent to the Transvaal.

It must be now admitted that the precedent exists, since the Ministerial party, by its vote on the Bourassa motion, struck out of the order in Council the protective clause, introduced by Mr. Tarte (meaning a clause declaring that no precedent was to be created.)

See, then, in what terms the President of the British Empire League set forth, for the future, the responsibilities to be incurred by Canada under the present regime of Imperialism:—

"The league hopes that the Government of Canada will immediately take steps to improve the military position of the country, not in regard to the number of available troops, but from the point of view of equipment, instruction and organization, in order that we may, in case of need, perform our full part in the defence of the interests of the empire."

The question is no longer to defend only the integrity of the empire, but the interests of the empire.

How fast the road has been travelled! But that is not all:—

"Canada ought to be provided with better modern material, it is necessary to establish arms factories, to furnish officers the means of instruction in the best sources of modern tactics, to store enormous quantities of munitions."

Well, and the money? But that is not all:—

"Canada ought to pension the wounded and the orphans, and raise a sumptuous monument in the capital to those who fell in Africa."

The account grows bigger all the time. Finally:—

"It is necessary that Canada should organize at once a naval reserve, to assist in the maintenance of the naval supremacy of England, threatened by the constant arming of the nations which are her rivals."

Behold the bill to be paid for Imperialism.

It was formerly the fashion to smile when the gentlemen, the pioneers of Imperial federation, made out every year a list of their "desiderata."

We smiled and let them talk, thinking that the time of the reality would never come.

Well, it has come. We are there, and must be prepared.

That which is quoted above is the conclusion of the report of Col. Denison, a report which was approved by the representatives of the Government then present.

It was the Hon. Mr. Mulock, representing the Government at that meeting, who seconded the adoption of that report, proclaiming that the time had passed when Imperial federation could be considered as a vain dream.

To-day it is an accomplished fact. Once more, do you not find that we have travelled very swiftly!

SHALL WE RETURN TO THIS?

(Hon. Edward Blake, 1891.)

"The Canadian Conservative policy has left us with a small population, a scanty immigration, and a Northwest empty still. It has left us with lowered standards of public virtue, and a death-like apathy in public opinion; with racial, religious, and provincial animosities rather inflamed than soothed; with a subservient Parliament, an autocratic executive, debauched constituencies, and corrupted and corrupting classes; with lessened self-reliance and increased dependence on the public chest and on legislative aids; and possessed withal by a boastful jingo spirit, far enough removed from true manliness, loudly proclaiming unreal conditions and exaggerated sentiments."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We believe we are safe in guaranteeing that man Dewet a good time in England after the war is over.

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Government steamer Eureka left Montreal Thursday for Quebec to meet Hon. Mr. Tarte who is returning from Paris.

Chief Justice Henry Green of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania died Thursday at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Cook's Penetrating Plaster.