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TRADE WITH THE U. S.

"No truck with the Yankees" was a favorite slogan of Tory flag-flappers during the federal election of a year ago. The fact that many of those who made use of this slogan were in the habit of wearing Yankee-made shoes and hats and rode about the country in automobiles of Yankee manufacture cast a doubt upon their sincerity in some quarters, yet thousands of people who ought to have had better sense were hoodwinked by them and voted down the fairest trade agreement ever made by Canada with a foreign nation—an agreement which would have evened up the balance of trade with the United States, for years heavily against us, and which would have been of enormous advantage to Canada. The "no truck with the Yankees" policy carried the day and a Tory government was placed in control of affairs at Ottawa. One would have thought that there would have been no further truck with the wicked Yankees after the change of government, but the trade returns given out at Ottawa a few days ago tell a different story. They reveal the startling information that since the Tories assumed the reins of power Canada has been importing goods from the United States at the rate of a million dollars' worth a day. Just think of that, one million dollars a day, three hundred and sixty-five million dollars a year, which means fifty dollars' worth for every man, woman and child in Canada. These figures go to show that Canada, in proportion to her population, is the best customer the United States ever possessed. United States exports to Canada are much greater than her exports to South America with Mexico thrown in, though those countries contain sixty-five million of population, to our seven million five hundred thousand. They are nearly double her exports to France, and almost equal to her exports to Germany and more than half of her exports to Great Britain. The trade of Canada is worth more to the United States than that of Central and South America and Mexico combined and is growing at a very rapid rate.

The Liberal policy is to restore the balance of trade between Canada and the United States. We buy from them each year goods to the value of \$200,000,000 more than we sell them. It is not a fair proposition that instead of spending them \$200,000,000 in hard cash each year we should send them its equivalent in the product of Canadian labor. Let the farmers and artisans of this country carefully ponder over this question.

The Chatham papers are vigorously knocking the proposal to rehabilitate old government house in Fredericton. They declare that the proposal has nothing in it to commend it to their judgment. If the daughters of the Empire had stipulated in the petition now being circulated for signatures that an official residence for the Lieutenant Governor be established on the banks of the Miramichi the Chatham newspapers would now be singing a different tune.

The recent freshet has put all the government dredges which have been operating at this port out of business. Tory megaphone organs tell us that wet weather is responsible for the wretched condition of the roads throughout the country. It is quite evident that Providence is not inclined to work in harmony with Tory Governments.

One of the dredges put out of business by the freshet is owned by a local Tory syndicate. So far it is understood it has not proved a money making venture.

Sir Percy Girouard recently expressed the opinion that Canadian highway roads are the worst in the world. Sir Percy paid a visit to New Brunswick not long since.

FEELING INTENSE ON EVE OF CUBAN ELECTION

Havana, Oct. 31.—All Cuba is awaiting in suspense the outcome of the great political battle to be fought out at the polls tomorrow. Never before in the history of the island republic have the issues at stake in a campaign for the presidency been so momentous and never before has the feeling between the opposing parties been so high.

The election tomorrow will be the second to be held by Cubans without American supervision. The first election, that of 1905, when Estrada Palma was elected president for a second term, was accompanied by disorders, followed by threats of revolution, culminating in the outbreak of August, 1906, directed by Dr. Alfredo Zayas and Gen. Pino Guerra, and precipitated the second American intervention. The next election was held in 1908, under American supervision, and resulted in the choice of Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez as president and Dr. Zayas as vice-president. The election was marked by the absence of any disorders.

The question now uppermost in the minds of all persons having the welfare of Cuba at heart is whether or not the republic can hold an honest and orderly election for the presidency with a loyal submission of the defeated party to the will of the majority. Many view the future with grave forebodings, but the more conservative of all of the rival parties and political factions express the belief that the republic will satisfactorily solve her own problems and that there will be no occasion for outside intervention.

The candidate of the Liberal party for the presidency is Dr. Alfredo Zayas, the present vice-president. The standard-bearer of the Conservative party is Gen. Marie Menscal. Both are able men and each has a large following. Dr. Zayas is a journalist by profession and is well known as an orator. Dr. Menocal is an engineer and distinguished himself as a military leader in the war of independence. Four years ago he was an unsuccessful candidate for president in opposition to Gen. Gomez. For several years past he has acted as manager of one of the largest sugar plantations of Cuba.

The Liberal party candidate for vice-president is Rafael Manduley, governor of Oriente province. The candidate of the Conservative party for second place is Enrique Jose Hon. Adam C. Bell, senator of Pictou, N. S., passed away yesterday at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, after being in indifferent health since July. The deceased had long been prominent in the public life of his native province, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was elected to the N. S. Legislature in 1877, and was provincial secretary under Sir John Thompson in the only Conservative ministry which that Province has had since Confederation. Upon the defeat of the administration in 1882 he became leader of the opposition. He was elected to the House of Commons for Pictou in 1896 and again in 1900, but was defeated in 1904, 1908 and 1911. He was called to the senate last year.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier says that the union of Conservatives, Nationalists, ultra-Catholics and ultra-Protestants now in control of affairs at Ottawa, cannot long endure.

And come to think of it the Flemings when in opposition promised the people of the province good roads.

Chatham Commercial—A. J. Branklev was in Fredericton on business on Thursday. Mac Fraser, who is studying at U.N.B., spent the holiday at his home here. Charles Gatcomb of Fredericton was in town on Friday, a guest at the Adams House.

Varona, a philosophical writer, former editor and at present a professor of the National University of Havana.

Unprejudiced observers of the situation appear inclined to the belief that Gen. Menocal will carry the election, though the following of Vice-President Zayas is still strong. The chances of Gen. Menocal have been considerably augmented by his recent alliance with the wing of the Liberal party under the leadership of Gen. Ernesto Asbert. The latter was himself a candidate for the presidency but withdrew from the contest in favor of Gen. Menocal. Gen. Asbert is vastly popular with the masses, having risen by his own efforts from a very humble position in life to the high post he now occupies as governor of Havana province.

Both Conservatives and Liberals are making strong bids for the large negro vote, the former trying to excite the animosity of the negroes against the Liberals on account of fatalities to men of their race during the last insurrection in Oriente, and the latter seeking to placate them by promises of unconditional pardon to thousands of negro prisoners now confined in jails throughout the island.

Besides the president and the vice-president, there are to be elected tomorrow thirteen of the twenty-four senators, forty-nine of the ninety-five representatives who compose the lower House, the governors of six provinces into which the island is divided, and mayors, councilmen and minor officials in ninety-five municipalities.

During the closing days of the campaign the opposing parties have reached such a stage of rivalry that street fights and incipient riots have been frequent. Today the cooler heads on both sides are counselling moderation, and the unusual precautions taken by the authorities in Havana and elsewhere to prevent disorder at the polls tomorrow have met with general approval. Both parties realize that recourse to arms in the settlement of election difficulties will almost inevitably precipitate American intervention, but grave fears are felt over the outcome of the election nevertheless. In the present state of the public mind it appears to be likely that many on both sides would as soon face another intervention as to submit to the rule of the opposition.

SCHOOL BOARD

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In response to the request of the Board, Mr. Harrison, musical instructor, submitted in writing a statement embracing suggestions he had previously made affecting the qualification of teachers to impart musical instruction in their classrooms, and other matters. After discussion the question was laid on the table.

WANT MORE SALARY.

A request for increase of salary from two teachers did not seem to be very heartily received. One of these, presented at a previous meeting was placed on file. The other takes the usual course, lies on the table. As a readjustment of salaries was made recently and as the maximum has been reached in some cases, it was thought by some members that these applications would cease.

Some discussion took place respecting what action would be taken in connection with the recent distribution of Nelson Shields. The matter was laid on the table.

The question of a standard pass mark, as suggested recently by the teachers, was talked over but opposition was expressed to raising the mark in some subjects.

It was ordered that the secretary provide each of the members with a desk lock and a copy of the school manual.

After the salaries and a number of accounts were ordered to be paid the Board adjourned.

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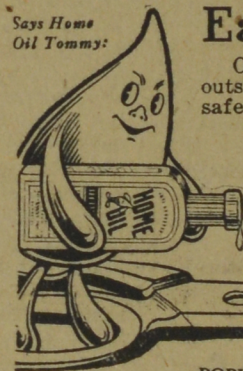
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TRUTH AND RIGHT

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but thank heaven I have nothing to regret. Truth and justice will prevail in the end and the day will come sooner or later when those who opposed us will be ashamed of their policy or trickery and acknowledge that we were pioneers in a great policy. We have lost the battle by unfair means and methods but I do not complain or repine. I want you to stand up and face the enemy whenever they give you a chance. The day will come when they must face us and as truth and justice will prevail I hope that day will soon come, for on that day we will be vindicated.

ALWAYS A LIBERAL.

After paying a tribute to Liberalism of the English school, Sir Wilfrid declared he was a disciple of Bright and of Gladstone, men who had done more for humanity than any of the century. On their principles of Liberalism he has stood for forty years, first as a private and then as a captain.

"At the head of the Liberal party I will remain as long as God gives me strength and you give me your confidence. I will not be kept down because truth and right are on our side."

In conclusion the Liberal leader spoke of his recent trip through Ontario.

"There I found the Liberal party jubilant and hopeful, the Conservatives gloomy and downcast. They act as the defeated party instead of the victors, but I tell you I would rather a thousand times go down to defeat than win as they did."

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