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THE LAURIER POLICY

So that the readers of The Mail may thoroughly understand how much superior Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposal is over Mr. Borden's as a contribution to the strength and effectiveness permanently of an imperial navy, of which the Canadian fleets would be units, the following information from The Toronto Globe is reproduced:

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposal involves the immediate construction, manning and maintenance of the following Canadian warships:

- 2 dreadnought cruisers.
- 6 protected cruisers.
- 12 ocean destroyers.
- 6 submarines.

The dreadnought cruisers would be of the "Australia" type, of 18,860 tons displacement, speed 25 knots and with an armament of 8 12-inch guns, and 16 4-inch quick-firing, anti-torpedo guns; cost \$5,750,000; crew, about 760, officers and men.

The protected cruisers or scouts, if of the "Bristol" type, would have a displacement of 3,800 tons, a speed of 26.8 knots and an armament comprising 2 6-inch, 10 4-inch and 4 smaller quick-firing guns and 3 torpedo tubes; crew, about 380, officers and men.

If the same class, as adopted by Australia, in the "Melbourne," be followed, the displacement would be 5,440 tons, speed 25.5 knots and an armament consisting of 9 6-inch and 4 3-pounder, quick-firing guns, 4 machine-guns, 1 light gun and 2 torpedo tubes; crew, about 300, officers and men.

The latest type of British destroyer is the "Daring," which has a displacement of 1,200 tons, a speed of 32 knots and carries 3 4-inch, quick-firing guns, 2 21-inch torpedo tubes. A smaller type, the "Acorn," is of 720 tons, a speed of 27 knots and carries 2 4-inch, 2 12-pounder and 2 quick-firing guns and 2 21-inch torpedo tubes; crew of about 98, officers and men.

The type of submarine adopted by Australia is the E.E. class, and is of 810 tons, with a speed of over 16 knots; crew of 14 to 25, officers and men.

To man the fleet proposed by Sir Wilfrid would require a complement of about 5,000 officers and men.

A UNITED PARTY

Dr. Michael Clarke, the talented member for Red Deer, Alberta, contributed an able and scholarly address to the naval debate in the House of Commons. Dr. Clarke is a man of extraordinary good sense and usually hits the nail squarely on the head. He is "British-born" and is scarcely open to the charge of being disloyal to the empire. His views on the naval question were admirably set forth in the following extract from his speech:

"If we can only have a canoe to start with, let it be a Canadian canoe. We on this side of the House stand united; we stand where you stood three years ago and where you should still stand. We stand for a common flag, a nation within the empire, with a nation's rights, a nation's aspirations, a nation's responsibilities, aye, and a nation's courage and spirit to discharge these responsibilities.

"We stand on that policy, and we are confident we have the majority of the people of Canada with us for this is the only policy that makes for the dignity of the nation, for the harmony and progress of the empire, and for the peace of the civilized world."

It is announced that Canada's annual fire loss, in proportion to population, is greater than that of any other country. But that is an unfair and misleading way of computing fire losses. If Robinson Crusoe's shack had been burned down, the fire loss of Juan Fernandez would have been the highest in the world, in proportion to population.

The workmen of Canada should stand pat for a navy composed of ships built by Canadian mechanics and manned by Canadian seamen.

It is reported from Ottawa that Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., is wobbling on the naval question. We don't wonder at it.

Toronto Globe.—"Had too much trouble getting on top," said the rough-and-tumble fighter when asked to let his antagonist up. That is how Premier Borden regards the Liberal challenge for an appeal to the country.

The Saskatchewan Legislature is asking relief from some trade obstructions. Hon. W. T. White's explanation of the cement duty reduction has killed the ancient retort that the foreigner pays the duty.

"Buy Canadian-made goods" is the advice given at the head of the editorial column of a Tory paper. If it is the right thing to buy Canadian-made goods why shouldn't we have a Canadian-made navy?

Our friends in the rural districts should make an effort to get to town this week to do their Christmas shopping.

Fredericton now has six branch banks and an immigration office fitted up at the expense of the Dominion government.

Sufficient snow to make good sleighing would be worth many dollars to the merchants of Fredericton.

The stores of Fredericton may be seen at their best just now.

TORY HEADSMAN
AFTER JAMES FRIEL

Dorchester, N.B., Dec. 17.—Attorney General Grimmer is here as a royal commissioner with Mr. Ketchum, stenographer, to go on with the investigation of charges of partisanship in the election of March 3, 1908, made against James Friel, clerk of the peace and registrar of probates, by Allan W. Chapman, Walter P. Crossman, John S. Dickie, Anthony D. LeBlanc and William Alexander.

Chapman is the prime mover and it is understood that he has been recommended to the government for the offices by the five local members. He has shown extraordinary zeal in drawing affidavits for himself and others but the trouble with them so far has been that they will not hold water.

The commission sat September 17, Chapman and Dickie, it is said, both admitting that the serious charges in their solemn declarations were not true. Dickie is almost blind and the affidavit was read to him that he signed. Dickie explained that some parts were not read to him, other parts he asked to leave out, as they were not true, and anyhow that he did not know that he was making a solemn declaration. The other complainants did not appear. Three other witnesses were examined on the 17th without results, except that two of them appeared as disgruntled Grits who had left the party because Friel and others here would not put out Tories and give them the jobs after 1896.

Chapman asked for adjournment for witnesses and the hearing tomorrow is on the adjournment.

DESPERADO KILLED
AFTER SHARP FIGHT

Santa Anna, Cal. Dec. 17.—In a fight yesterday in the hills at Tomato Springs, twelve miles east of Santa Anna between the young desperado and more than one hundred county officers militiamen and citizens, the outlaw who had attacked a young girl last night, was killed. United States Sheriff Robert Squires also was killed and three of his deputies were seriously wounded.

The battle was the climax of an all night pursuit of the bandit by a sheriff's posse, which brought him to bay at dawn on the summit of the hills overlooking the water holes.

Turning on his pursuers, the bandit opened fire. One of his first bullets fatally wounded Squires. He lay in a gulch calling for help throughout the long fight, but each time an effort was made to rescue him, one or more members of his posse fell wounded.

It was not until Company L of the 7th Regiment California National Guards had been summoned and flanking the bandit's position had shot him to death that the body of Squires was recovered. He was dead when picked up.

Mr. J. L. Ross of Hamilton, is in the city. Messrs. C. V. Armstrong and J. E. Armstrong of Perth, are at the Barker House.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 18.—The market steadied itself toward the end of the first hour although only a little while before the street was full of tips of a big break. New low record was made by Cal. Pet. which sold down to 49½ and Mexican Pet. was weak in no less degree. Houses with Washington connections said there indications that the Supreme Court would render decision in Minnesota rate case on Monday next.

	Open	Noon
Copper,	72½	72½
Atchafson,	108½	108½
Smelters,	69½	69
C.P.R.,	255½	255½
Great Northern,	134½	134
Lehigh,	169	169½
Pennsylvania,	121½	121½
Reading,	166½	165½
Southern Pacific,	106½	106½
U. S. Steel,	65½	65½

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Royal Bank, 2 @ 223.	
Bank of Hochelaga, 11 @ 170.	
Cement Com., 110 @ 27.	
Textile, 15 @ 79½, 15 @ 79.	
R. & O., 150 @ 113½, 47 @ 113, 25 @ 113½, 25 @ 113½, 25 @ 113½, 380 @ 114, 75 @ 114½, 155 @ 114½, 135 @ 114½, 140 @ 114½, 15 @ 115½, 120 @ 115½, 50 @ 115½, 55 @ 116, 75 @ 116½, 100 @ 116½, 25 @ 116½, 25 @ 115½.	
Cement Pfd., 55 @ 92, 5 @ 91½.	
C.P.R., 25 @ 255½, 100 @ 255½.	
Cotton, 5 @ 61, 25 @ 61½.	
Montreal Power, 95 @ 227.	
Woods, 10 @ 125.	
Car Com., 10 @ 110.	
Spanish River, 25 @ 64½.	
Iron Com., 125 @ 57.	
Crown Reserve, 50 @ 350, 200 @ 345.	
Quebec Rails, 25 @ 14.	
Detroit, 25 @ 72½, 45 @ 73.	
Laurentide, 25 @ 219.	
Penmans, 10 @ 54½.	
Bell Telephone, 2 @ 160.	
Paint, 10 @ 100.	

RECOVERY EXPECTED

The recovery of Laura Addison, a young colored girl who was severely burned at her home Smythe Street, yesterday is expected. 'She is now in the hospital and today is resting easily.

SERIOUSLY HURT.

Mrs. Robt. Watson, who makes her home with her son, Mr. P. S. Watson, St. Mary's, fell downstairs at an early hour this morning and sustained serious injuries. Dr. C. P. Holden was summoned to attend her. Mrs. Watson is advanced in years and the accident may have serious results.

MID-WEEK MARKET

Today's country market was rather slim and prices showed little change. They were as follows: Geese each, \$1.60 to \$1.80; beef, 5 to 9 cts. per lb.; pork, 9 and 10 cents per lb. butter 28 to 30 cents per lb.; eggs, 30 to 35 cents per dozen; potatoes, per bbl., \$1.25; chickens, per pair, 50 to 80 cents.

OLD COUNTRY FORTUNE.

It is said that a fortune of \$87,000,000 is lying in the court of chancery, England, awaiting the heirs. It was left by one Sergeant Major Humphries of the 15th Regiment, formerly stationed at Fredericton. It is said that some valuable island lots near here are included. Several families of Marysville say they are direct descendants. A New York lawyer has the case in hand.

Mr. A. H. Tweedie of Chatham, is registered at the Queen.

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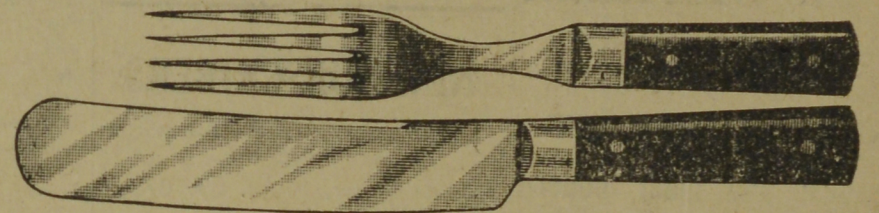
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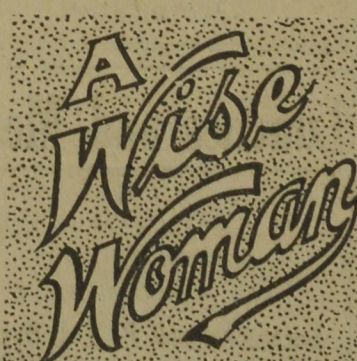
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