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ACTION VS REACTION

Editorial—Action.....

In 1909 Mr. Borden was convinced that the Laurier policy for a Canadian fleet unit was the only proper one for Canada. He supported it so strongly that it was spoken of as the Laurier-Borden policy. The naval question was then out of politics. In 1910 Mr. Borden had come under the influence of the centralizers at Downing Street and recanted his faith in the Canadianism of 1909. In 1911 Mr. Borden came under the influence of Bourassa and the Quaker Nationalists and promptly hatched the emergency. In 1912 he and his party press denounced Canadian sentiment as separatist and demanded \$35,000,000 as the only possible cement of Empire. Prevented from committing this folly, Mr. Borden has sulked ever since and done nothing.

Facing the real national necessity of easing the burdens of the people by a revision of the tariff, Premier Borden, under the influence of the high tariff fed interests, has done nothing.

Rather than allow the provinces to control the expenditure provided in the Highways Aid Bill, Mr. Borden killed it twice and has sullenly refused to do anything for good roads.

Rather than offend Hon. Mr. Rogers and the grab-bag element in and out of the Cabinet, Mr. Borden has forgotten every promise he ever made before election regarding provincial natural resources. He has improperly delayed redistribution, while his lieutenants have been cooking up a gerry-mander. He has steadfastly refused to face the people on questions upon which every constitutional precedent demanded they should be consulted. Canada has suffered two years of Tory reactionary drift such as has not been witnessed since the fall of the Tupper government.

During these two years the Liberal Government in England has steadfastly wrestled with the Home Rule problem, the Reform of the House of Lords, the Land Question and other tremendous issues, which are making a revolution as great as any won by arms in the past.

Inside of eight months after coming to office, President Wilson in the United States has created a fiscal revolution from excessive protection to comparatively low tariff, while important currency reform is being energetically dealt with.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has kept abreast with the times. He has recognized that the emergency folly is a chimerical dream of much less importance to Canada than her own domestic concerns, while still recognizing the importance of naval defence.

After the defeat of reciprocity in 1911, Sir Wilfrid Laurier never relaxed his energies for relieving the burden of the Canadian consumer. In the fall of 1912, he toured Ontario and everywhere declared that although reciprocity was defeated Tariff Reform would not down; that the people must have tariff relief and wider markets. The course of events since then, with the steady increase in the cost of living the tariff reform in the States have vindicated the presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party.

With this customary sagacious courage Sir Wilfrid has matured a truly national policy, while Mr. Borden has been frivolling at Sunday feasts in New York or taking prolonged holidays to rest from his turbulent and unscrupulous Cabinet.

Sir Wilfrid's policy of free food as enunciated at Hamilton is the natural evolution of the Fielding tariff of 1897 with the British preference, the various subsequent tariff reductions and rearrangements culminating in the reciprocity pact of 1911.

Every event since that date has shown the wisdom of the Liberal policy. The people of Canada do not wish to be taxed through their mouths or their stomachs. Sir Wilfrid has shown the remedy.

We commend to the sanctimonious Premier Fleming a few pointed observations made by Rev. Dr. Smith at a meeting in the Brunswick Street Baptist church last evening.

The Montreal Star, in its issue of Saturday last, says:—"Canadian Pacific figures issued yesterday for the month of October, record the most successful month in the history of the road. Gross earnings as indicated by the weekly statements, were the highest of any month in the history of the company, while net earnings achieved the same distinction." Yet The Star and other flag-flapping Tory organs told the people on 1911 that if the natural products of Canada were admitted to the United States free of duty as was proposed under the reciprocity agreement, it would be ruinous to Canadian railways. The Wilson tariff removed the duty from lumber and many articles produced on the farm and under this condition of affairs the C.P.R. reports the most prosperous month in its history. What have the empire-savers to say to this?

Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., and other flag-flapping Tory politicians told the farmers of York two years ago that humped cattle were worth less money in the United States than in Canada and they attempted to prove their case by statistics. The experience of the last two months proves the statement to have been a deliberate falsehood. Since the new U.S. tariff went into effect American buyers have been scouring York county from end to end buying everything to be got hold of in the cattle line and paying for the same higher prices than have prevailed here since the U.S. civil war. Would they be doing this if cattle were worth less money in the United States than on this side of the line? Let some of those who bamboozled the farmers two years ago answer this question.

It is stated that the estimates now being prepared by the various departments for the coming session of parliament include no less than \$50,000,000 for public works, much of which is simply for the continuation of works started last session. This huge sum will undoubtedly be considerably added to with appropriations for new works before the next session is over. Hon. Robert Rogers is a record spender of the people's money.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1661—Earl of Oxford, who was prime minister of England under Queen Anne, born. Died May 21, 1724.

1757—King of Prussia vanquished Prince Charles of Lorraine and the Austrian army at battle of Lissa.

1782—Martin Van Buren, eighth President of the U. S., born at Kinderhook, N. Y. Died at Lindendwood, N. Y., July 24, 1862.

1791—Mozart, the famous composer, died in Vienna. Born in Salzburg, Austria, Jan. 27, 1756.

1823—Prof. Max Muller, famous scholar and writer, born in Germany. Died in England, Oct. 28, 1900.

1850—Louis Kossuth, the famous Hungarian patriot, arrived in New York.

1876—First cremation in the United States performed at Washington, Pa.

1891—Dom Pedro, the former emperor of Brazil, died in Paris. Born in Rio Janeiro, Dec. 2, 1825.

POWERS-CORBETT WEDDING AT ANNAPOLIS

Annapolis, N.S., Nov. 27—A very pretty wedding was solemnized this morning in St. Thomas Roman Catholic church, when Miss Mary Elizabeth Corbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corbett of this town became the bride of Charles M. Powers of the firm of Powers & Brewer contractors, of New Brunswick. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Grace in the presence of a large number of spectators. The bride was very prettily attired in a blue tailored suit with large black hat trimmed with blue plumes and looked charming. She carried a bouquet of carnations. The bridesmaid was Miss Harriet S. Rice of Bear River, who wore a grey tailored suit and light blue hat, trimmed with blue plumes, while Walter O. Powers, a brother, did the honors for the groom. The ushers were Cyril Brittain and Clarence Morrow. (The bridegroom is a son of Mr. Thomas Powers of Hanwell.)

CHIMNEY FIRE

An alarm from box 46 called the fire department out last night for a chimney fire at a house in St. John Street.

POLICE COURT

One drunk appeared in the police court this morning and was sent to jail for twenty days.

FREED AFTER THIRTY YEARS BEHIND BARS

Kingston, Dec. 1—Peter Derosch, aged 75, passed through the gates of the Portsmouth Penitentiary today a free man, after serving thirty years within the walls of the prison.

Derosch was sent here from Vancouver, B. C., for murder for which he was tried, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. The mental condition of the man at the time of the murder constrained the Department of Justice to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

He is said to be the oldest prisoner in Canada. Derosch was brought from the coast to the penitentiary before Canada had a transcontinental railway. The long journey was made by stage coach and "prairie schooner," by boat for a short distance and a tramp to Sudburg, then by train.

SHOWS FEAR OF STREET CARS

When he was released today Derosch looked for the first time on an electric street car and an automobile. As he was leaving the big gate of the prison an automobile passed. Derosch sprang back and broke away from his escort, trying to get behind the walls of the prison. A street car then passed and the aged prisoner showed the same signs of terror. He was taken to the G.T.R. station on the street car, but for a time he refused to go near the car.

When Derosch came to the penitentiary he was placed in the insane ward where he was confined for eight years. His condition improved and for about twenty years he has been acting as a "trustee." He has been a model prisoner. Derosch secured his pardon through the efforts of the Salvation Army, who will care for him in Toronto.

Later in the day it was announced that the Governor General had commuted Derosch's sentence to forty years. The aged prisoner will be on parole for ten years and will be a free man at the age of eighty five.

WILL BRING SUIT

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tioned Rosenorn about making a disturbance and that Rosenorn, after going some distance, turned and abused the policeman. The latter then had grappled with him and had shaken him and made him go home.

BOARD OF TRADE.

A committee of the Board of Trade which has charge of the membership campaign, held a meeting last evening. It was decided to inaugurate a vigorous campaign for new members between Christmas and New Years.

PROBLEM OF THE WAGE EARNING BOY

Washington, Ia., Dec. 5—An effort to solve the problem of the "wage earning boy" is to be made by the sixth annual boys' conference of the Iowa Y. M. C. A., which began here today and will continue through the remainder of the week. Well known educators, sociologists, diines and employers of labor are to take part in the discussions.

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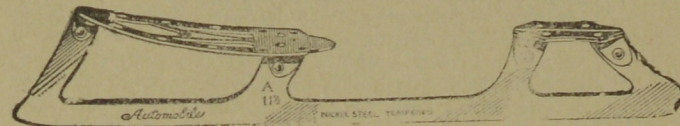
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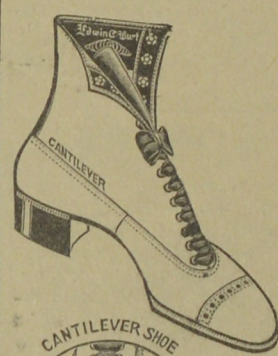
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