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SIFTON'S ACTIVITIES.

Hon. Charles Marcell, M. P., writing in the Montreal Herald, thus deals with the present political activities of Sir Clifford Sifton:

"The Tory tactics consist naturally in trying to divide the Liberal party so that they may remain in control. The idea of a Union government is a sham. The Liberals who enter such a cabinet along with Tories will represent only themselves or people who are willing to vote Tory anyway. The chief engineer in charge of the Tory tactics is Sir Clifford Sifton, who is an adept at this kind of work. He is seeking to do in 1917 what he did in 1911. There was a time when Tories wanted Sifton driven from public life and gave reasons therefor. Then, when he joined them, they had him knighted. They are prepared to make a baronet of him now if his tactics succeed. He has gone West after publishing a pronouncement against Sir Wilfrid, who made him what he was when the Tories picked him up. The West has good reason to remember how he treated them in 1911, when he turned down their request to bring reciprocity into force. The West went against him almost to a man. His present tactics consist in trying to stampede the Winnipeg convention with the war cry. There are grave doubts as to the success which he will achieve. The people of the West are of a practical turn of mind, who will look to their own interests and those of their section of country. The Tory party is largely an Ontario party, whose interests are opposed to those of the West. Ontario has gone in for protection and monopoly; the West wants free trade and untrammelled markets. The people of the West will be slow in hitching up to the Tory wagon. If they were to do so it would not be long before they would discover their mistake."

At the recent caucus of the Conservative party at St. John, ex-Premier Murray was "confirmed" in his position of opposition leader in the Legislature. This is interpreted to mean that Hon. Mr. Murray will not be the Conservative candidate in the new Federal constituency of Royal at the approaching election. It is said now that Mr. George B. Jones, M. P., will be put up to oppose Dr. McAllister.

"Nothing doing," were the words Contractor Corbett used when the Reverend Middleman Tennant tried to touch him for \$50,000. Once bitten, twice shy. Having allowed Flemming to pull his leg to the extent of \$10,000, Mr. Corbett did not propose to allow Tennant to put one over on him.

The death is announced in England of Sir Richard McBride, for twelve years premier of British Columbia, and more recently agent general of that province. He was one of the leading Conservative politicians in the West, and at one time was talked of for the leadership of the party in the Dominion. Under his regime, British Columbia became heavily involved financially and scandals which developed resulted in the downfall of the Conservative ministry after Sir Richard had retired to accept the post of agent general.

Discussing the vindication of Hon. Bob Rogers by the McLeod-Tellier Commission, the Winnipeg Tribune, independent, says: "If this finding is to stand, and if it is to be operative 'with Sir Robert Borden, as it apparently is, then Justice Galt should be impeached. If Justice Galt is not to be impeached, Sir Ezekiel McLeod and Justice Tellier should be ignominiously removed from the bench, 'or have their pensions withdrawn, 'and Hon. Mr. Rogers should be forced to leave the government."

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux paid Hon. J. D. Hazen quite a compliment in parliament yesterday when he referred to him as "the least objectionable of all the ministers." The Minister of Marine has not been much in the limelight this session, and the impression has been created that he is paying the way for an early retirement from political life.

Manitoba Free Press: The expected has happened. The McLeod-Tellier Commission has made the report it was called into being to make. The gramophone has played the record. The finding will receive from the public precisely the attention it deserves—which is none at all. It is what the French call a sword-cut in the water. If Mr. Rogers desires to know what the people of this country think of him and the whitewashing performance of his commission, he will get authentic information by applying to the electorate of South Winnipeg at the next election.

Through Our Sieve

The optimist these hot days isn't—he's a hypocrite.

There's many a tanned neck born to blush unseen beneath these summer-furs.

Many a man wears an athletic union suit who couldn't lick his weight in tapioca pudding.

Sometimes the woman who clings to a man's neck during courtship walks on it afterward.

Just the same, it is not likely that the Kaiser can be enticed all the way to Moscow as Napoleon was.

It is about time for some perfectly reliable hen to lay an egg with the date of the close of the war embossed on the shell.

Experience sadly teaches that about the time a man has learned to be a really useful citizen his friends meet to tell one another how natural the old boy looks.

Could you conjure up a tender memory of your dear old mother coming to your bedside at night when you were a child if in those days it had been the fashion for women to wear pajamas?

LIBERALS GATHER IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Aug. 6.—Four Liberal Premiers of the four western provinces of Canada tonight addressed, in the Royal Alexander Hotel, an audience of upwards of eight hundred men and women, delegates to the convention of western Liberals which opens its session Tuesday morning.

There was little mention of politics in the speeches. Ladies present as delegates and visitors were complimented on their interest in their new duties of citizenship.

John Stoval, of Winnipeg, chairman of the committee on arrangements, presided, and on the platform, in addition to the premiers, were Senator Watson, Senator Ross, Hon. Frank Oliver, Senator Prince, W. E. Knowles, M. P., and Levi Thompson, M. P.

Hon. T. C. Morris, Premier of Manitoba, declared the present was the first time that the four western provinces had gathered for a common purpose. "We have," he said, "common ground on which to stand."

Premier Martin of Saskatchewan, said the west had been compared to the tail of the dog, but the time had come when the tail was going to assert itself and manage the dog. He predicted "that this tremendous gathering will result in a sweeping victory for the Liberal party at the forthcoming elections."

Premier Sifton, of Alberta, and Premier Brewster, of British Columbia, followed with remarks that were very brief and of a general nature. After the meeting broke up the delegates from Manitoba and Saskatchewan met privately in separate rooms to choose their representatives on the resolutions committee.

When the delegates from northern Alberta arrived today they marched to their hotel carrying the banner "Laurier for the west."

HUN LINES BROKEN IN THREE PLACES

Paris, Aug. 7.—French troops last night broke into the lines of the German Crown Prince on the Champagne front at three places, inflicting losses on the Germans and bringing back prisoners, it was officially announced today by the French war department.

A Teutonic attack between Avocourt wood and Hill 304, in the Verdun sector, was driven off, with heavy losses to the Germans.

There were fairly violent artillery duels in the Bizschotte sector of the Belgian front, and between Hutebise and Craonne, north of the river Aisne

STREET COMMITTEE

(Continued from page 1.) committee is doing what it can. Some of the critics should know what they are talking about."

Ald. McLellan—"That is true. I understand that some gentlemen at a Board of Trade meeting a short time ago had much criticism to offer."

Ald. Lemont—"That was concerning the filthy condition of Queen street and was perfectly justified. Merchants said that dirt had been allowed to remain for a week in front of their places of business. It looks as if the chairman of the Street Committee deliberately left Queen street dirty to punish the merchants because the City Council had not seen fit to adopt his scheme for the streets."

Ald. McLellan—"Queen street has had as much attention as it received last year and in years before that. There is another thing the critics know nothing about. The street sweeper was taken out in the spring to clean Queen street against the best judgment of Mr. McKnight, then City Engineer. It broke just as he said it would because the attempt was made to have it do work for which it was not adapted. It has never worked well since. It was to satisfy popular clamor that it was used."

Mayor Mitchell—"Are there no other ways of cleaning the streets in the spring except by using the sweeper? They were cleaner, for years before we had a sweeper."

Ald. McLellan—"It is a very expensive way to put a big crew of men on the street."

Ald. Shea and Ald. Walker also had some sharp criticism to make, Ald. Walker devoting particular attention to Woodstock Road.

Ten Tenders Received

Ten tenders for street plant were read before the City Council in committee last night, the number having been increased by several which arrived yesterday afternoon. Several local agents representing large companies tendered and several were received from outsid points.

The tenderers are:
J. B. Daggett & Co., Devon.
Mussens, Limited, Montreal.
Wettlaufer Bros., Limited, Woodstock, Ont.

J. Clark and Son, Fredericton.
Smith Foundry Co., Fredericton.
J. S. Neill & Sons, Fredericton.
Dominion General Equipment Co., Halifax.

F. H. Hopkins Co., Limited.
Massey Harris Co., per W. S. Tompkins.

Motor Car & Equipment Co., St. John.

Some of the tenders are for all the pieces of plant named in the notice and others are only for part. The report of the Street Committee which will be presented by Ald. McLellan tonight will indicate what tenders are considered the best.

Prof. Stiles' Address.
The address of Prof. Stiles was illustrated by charts which were pinned upon the wall of the committee room. It was most instructive and gave to the members of the council new ideas concerning the value and qualities of the various types of paving. The types of paving with which Prof. Stiles dealt as best suited to Fredericton's needs were: Gravel, Water-Bound Macadam, Bituminous, Macadam, Portland Cement Concrete, Bituminous Cement Concrete.

Gravel and water bound macadam Prof. Stiles considered as unsuited to the city unless treated with oil. If so treated water bound macadam would do on Waterloo Row, Charlotte street, etc. In the travertine pavements Fredericton had bituminous macadam and in the Hassam on Queen street a Portland Cement concrete. The Hassam was good but the attempt to cover it with an asphalt blanket had been a mess. The man who had attempted it had almost done a good job. As far as tarvia was concerned he was opposed to the penetration method which had been adopted here and favored the hot-mix method. Fredericton's weakness, however, had not lain in methods of construction but in maintenance and patrol. Regent street was crying out loudly for help.

Asked what he would suggest to have done to Regent street, Prof. Stiles advised a thorough cleaning, then a carpet of heavy oil of asphaltic base followed one day later with a coating of stone-screensings. Trap rock would be the best around Fredericton although granite chips or pea gravel also was good. A layer three-eighths of an inch thick should be rolled. Before anything was done, however, hot weather should be waited for. It also would be necessary to restore the cross-section of the street, if necessary by digging up the holes and refilling them. The same applied to York and Queen streets.

Prof. Stiles also proposed a bituminous carpet for water bound macadam streets. A very important suggestion he made was that certain streets be repaired and put in condition to carry traffic going in certain directions in order that they might become arteries for traffic. In this way it would not be necessary to expend a large amount of money on all the streets. It might even be possible to construct a motor belt-line about the city. Fredericton's streets were not in such a desperate condition that repair work could not restore them to a fair state.

When asked about the asphalt sidewalks Prof. Stiles said that they were at least twenty years behind the times and that as a matter of fact he had never seen sidewalks of the type in any place but Fredericton.

Ex-Ald. D. Crowe.
Mr. D. E. Crowe gave an account of what he had seen in the Western States in the way of streets and roads. He criticised the Street Department for not repairing the streets and for not properly patching after sewerage and water excavations. He strongly urged permanent pavement. The way long grass and weeds were growing was disgraceful.

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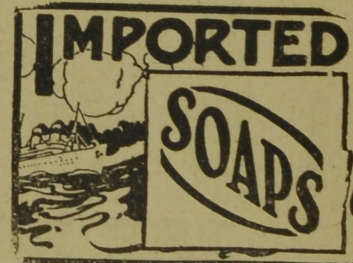
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