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### REIGNING, BUT NOT RULING

Much has been said and written during the past few months as to the powers of the British Sovereign in any clash which might take place between the two Houses of Parliament, and comparisons have been made between the positions in this respect, of the British Sovereign and the President of the United States. As a matter of fact, there is a very considerable difference in the power possessed by the occupants of these positions, and, although it is the boast of the American people that they are the freest of all the nations of the world, at the same time their President has an infinitely greater power of imposing his wishes upon the country than has the British King. The President of the United States can and does regularly initiate legislation and his messages to Congress are written statements of his wishes in this regard.

A British Sovereign would no more think of suggesting to Parliament what they should or should not do than he would think of declaring war on some other nation; practically the only power now belonging to the Crown of its own initiative, is that of conferring honors upon any individual. The British Sovereigns reign, but they certainly do not rule; the Presidents of the United States undoubtedly possess more ruling powers than any British King has for some centuries.

A British King has no choice but to be a constitutional monarch and to uphold constitutional government for he exists by the grace of constitutional government and has no divine rights. His powers and prerogatives are held at the pleasure of Parliament, which can add to them or subtract from them. His oath of office is prescribed by Parliament, and it is Parliament that decides whether or not he has fulfilled the letter and spirit of this oath.

The King of Great Britain is far more at the mercy of Parliament than is the President at the mercy of Congress. The President's oath of office is prescribed by the Constitution itself and can be changed only by an amendment to the Constitution. His powers are enumerated in the Constitution and Congress cannot limit them. It has no authority over him in the main, except impeachment, which must be brought by the House and tried by the Senate, a two-thirds vote being necessary to convict.

The King's actual political power is small in comparison with the President's, and he has no such guarantees as those which the Constitution hedges about the Presidential office. Even the veto has in effect been taken away from him and he is in no sense the executive authority of the Government.

Were the President of the United States to set his face against a great popular movement it would result in the defeat of himself and his party at the next election; but the powers of the President would remain unchanged. Were the British King, however, to attempt a similar course and persist until the patience of Parliament was exhausted, the Crown would be stripped of some of its remaining privileges and reduced still farther toward a state of political impotence.

It is not Congress that says what the Constitution of the United States is, but it is Parliament that says what the Constitution of Great Britain is, and its word is final.

### CANADA UNDER LAURIER

What the regime of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has done for Canada is shown by the enormous expansion of the trade and commerce of the country since he became premier. In that time the prosperity of the people has grown by leaps and bounds and as a natural consequence the trade of the country has increased in proportion.

The figures for the fiscal year ending last month reached the record of \$677,142,189. This is an increase of no less than \$117,506,238 over the figures for the previous year, or over twenty per cent.

It is more than \$26,000,000 over the highest previous figures of 1907-8. At the present time the monthly increase of trade amount to \$10,000,000 a month over the corresponding period last year.

The total imports for the year showed an increase of \$77,659,868 over 1908-09 and exports of domestic products similarly showed an increase of \$36,607,951 for the same period.

This unprecedented prosperity under the Laurier administration is the best evidence possible that the people do not desire or require any change in government. Everything points to the current year's total trade reaching the eight hundred million dollar mark, and the total revenue will not be far short of \$110,000,000.

It took the Conservative government eighteen years to increase the total trade \$66,000,000. Compare this with last year's increase of \$117,000,000. In other words under the present government total trade increased nearly double in one year, over amount of increase secured by the Conservatives in eighteen years.

It is not to be wondered at that the people were willing to let Laurier finish his work. And what is more, they are not anxious that he should hurry over it.

Mr. Balfour's statement about Imperial preference on wheat has not pleased a large section of his friends. There is no doubt that free empire wheat would be very satisfactory to the farmers of this country, who would then see the British market for that cereal practically closed to all foreign competitors, but the British agriculturist not unnaturally enquires where he is to come in. It will be no advantage to him that a tax is put on foreign wheat, if the over sea Britons who are able to grow their wheat under conditions with which he cannot compete are to be allowed the run of the British market in the same terms as himself. From the standpoint of Imperial trade free wheat will be welcome; but it is very doubtful if it will help the cause of tariff reform at the next election.

A Chicago physician in the course of a lecture before the medical society in that city announced that "half a dozen drinks of whiskey in a day will produce the same effect of fatigue on the brain and body as a day's hard work." There are men upon whom the effect of fatigue is readily produced who have neither had the whiskey or done the day's work.

### THE STANDARD BLUFF (Sackville Tribune)

The St. John Standard says in effect that the act of Premier Hazen in legislating the former Factory Inspector out of office is justified by the fact that the present inspector is competent while his predecessor was incompetent. If the Standard's attack on Mr. McMulkin is justifiable why did not Premier Hazen dismiss the former inspector from office on the grounds that he was incompetent? Why was a special act of the legislature necessary? Incompetence is ground for the dismissal of any official.

As a matter of fact Mr. McMulkin was not incompetent; and the Standard must know that statement to be true. Factory owners will testify to his competency. If Mr. McMulkin had been incompetent he would have been dismissed in short order by Mr. Hazen who wanted the position for one of the Conservatives who were pressing their party claims to recognition. As he was not incompetent and as he would not resign though resignation was several times suggested to him by Premier Hazen, as he was a Liberal, Mr. McMulkin was legislated out of office. Even the St. John Globe, strong supporter as it has been of Premier Hazen, could not approve of the McMulkin legislation.

Incidentally, does the Standard know whether or not the Fredericton Mail office has been inspected lately under the Factory Act? Or does it know what report Mr. McMulkin was asked to help prepare shortly before the last session of the legislature met?

### No. 3. DEPOT INSPECTED

Col. Wadmore arrived from Halifax this morning and spent the day inspecting No. 3 Regimental Depot. "H" company, R.C.R., paraded in the morning and went through company drill. Col. Wadmore also inspected the military buildings and found everything in first class order. The books and papers of the depot were also looked over.

General Drury, commandant of the Maritime Provinces, was prevented from coming to Fredericton by duties devolving upon him in consequence of the death of the king.

Col. Humphrey D.O.C. was detained in St. John by the R.M.C. examinations being held there today.

## FREDERICTON MAN WEDS IN ENGLAND

A Bristol (Eng.) paper recently had the following:

There was a large congregation at the parish church at Avonmouth on Wednesday, April 20th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. LeRoy Harrison and Miss Mabel Grace Hembury.

Mr. Harrison hails from Fredericton, New Brunswick, and is an officer of the C.P.R. S-S "Montcalm" which docked on Tuesday and Miss Hembury is a native of the parish in which she has done much valuable work. The vicar, Rev. H. Powell read the prayers, and the Rev. N. T. De Jersey, seamen's chaplain officiated at the marriage ceremony and gave an impressive address. Mr. Britton led the choir during the service, and played Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

Mr. Edwin Landy, chief officer of the S. S. "Montcalm" acted as "best man" and Miss Smith, a cousin of the bride was chief bridesmaid. The bride's dress was of white taffeta silk beautifully hand embroidered. Captain C. W. Hodder of the "Montcalm" had his ship decorated, and came down to Avonmouth for the service, which was also attended by Mr. and Mrs. J. Amos (Bristol). Mr. Claud Smith, Mr. Reed, and Mr. E. H. Jones (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. Cowley (Gloucester), Mr. and Mrs. Grosvenor, Mr. and Mrs. Howes, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Fenton and others.

The Chaplain of the Seamen's Institute placed its rooms at the disposal of the wedding party and there the breakfast was laid. The Hon. C. L. Buce and Colonel Banes, lent palms, and willing seamen elaborately decorated the building. Speeches were given at the breakfast by the Revs. H. Powell and N. T. De Jersey, Mr. E. H. Jones, and the "best man."

The groom is a son of Mrs. F. J. Harrison of this city.

## ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS REQUIRED TO TAKE OATH

An Act of Parliament passed in 1901 provides that upon the demise of the Crown a proclamation shall be issued by the Governor General, authorizing all persons in office as officers of Canada, who hold commissions under the late Sovereign, and all functionaries who exercised any profession by virtue of any commission, and all judges of Dominion and Provincial courts, to continue in the exercise of their respective duties. This Act also requires the incumbents in office shall so soon as possible, after such proclamation, take the usual and customary oath of allegiance to the succeeding Sovereign.

An Act of the Provincial Legislature passed in the same year, contains provisions similar to the above and also enacts that the oath of allegiance shall be subscribed and taken by all office holders, mayors and aldermen and officers of any corporation, and other persons holding office shall take and subscribe to the oath of allegiance to the new Sovereign and further that any such officer neglecting to do so shall be liable to the penalty suggested by the said Act.

Mr. J. W. McCready, City Clerk, will take the oath and tomorrow will be ready to administer the oath to public officials and others.

The following telegram in reply to that sent to the Governor General on behalf of the city corporation, has been received:

Ottawa, May 9, 1910

Your telegram of May 7. Am commanded by the Governor General to thank you for your message of sympathy which His Excellency has forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for submission to the King and Queen Alexandra.

LANESBOROUGH,  
Governor General's Secretary.

### TO DECORATE POST OFFICE.

Post Master Edwards today received instructions from Ottawa to have the Post Office building decorated out of respect to the late King's memory. Mr. Edwards has since arranged with the F. B. Edgecombe Company to do the work.

### GREAT CROP PROMISED.

Mr. Edward Moore, who is recovering from a severe illness, is arranging to pay a visit to his extensive blueberry plantation next week. He says that his advice is that the crop this season will smash all records.

### PERSONALS

Mr. G. H. Brown of Toronto, is at the Barker House.

Mr. Dobell Bussy of Halifax, is at the Queen Hotel.

Hon. D. V. Landry is at the Barker House.

Hon. Robert Maxwell and Premier Hazen are at the Barker House.

Mr. J. W. Ellsworth of Woodstock arrived in the city last night.

Lieut. Col. Wadmore of Halifax, is registered at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. Peter Clinch of St. John, secretary of the New Brunswick Fire Underwriters' Association, is in the city.

## OILCLOTHS JOHN J. WEDDALL & SON CURTAINS

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