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MR. BORDEN'S "UNANSWERABLE CRITICISM"

The St. John Standard remarks that the enthusiasm which has marked Mr. Borden's tour of Nova Scotia cannot be regarded otherwise than an indication of a growing feeling already so manifest in other parts of the Dominion in favor of the principles and policy of the Liberal Conservative party and a revolt against the present regime of graft and incompetence. If the Standard were a little more explicit, and along with this somewhat startling assertion, presented anything in the way of substantiation thereof, it might perhaps carry some little weight, as it is the assertion merely voices the organ's own opinion, which, to use a common expression, "cuts no ice" either in St. John or out of it. Certain it is that there is absolutely no evidence in New Brunswick at the "growing feeling" the Standard refers to; there is none in Quebec, and the latest reports from the western provinces do not indicate that the people of those districts have lost faith in Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his methods of administration. Even in Manitoba, where the provincial government which is politically hostile to Sir Wilfrid, was so overwhelmingly returned to office the other day, the popular vote, that criterion which the Tory party places such faith in, was almost equally divided. The vociferous cheering of a gathering of holiday makers composed largely of women and children, may sound very pleasant to the ears of Mr. Borden and his supporters on the platform, but it furnishes very unreliable testimony as to how the votes of the electors will be cast at a general election.

Again the Standard says that "As a critic of the Laurier government and its methods Mr. Borden has been heard at his best. His criticism of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's declaration that in the event of Great Britain being at war Canadian warships would remain in a state of inactivity unless an order in council was issued, is unanswerable. The neutrality of Canadian warships and of Canadian ports and harbors in a war which might decide the fate of the British Empire, would mean, as the leader of the opposition pointed out, the complete separation of Canada from the Mother Country, and from the Empire."

As a sample of utter bunkum this will be hard to beat. In the first place, is it to be supposed that Canada is going to build and maintain a navy and not retain control of it afterwards? Is there any reason why this navy should be turned over to the control of any one else? The object of its foundation is to defend the shores of this country, and if it is to be employed for any other purpose, naturally the consent of the government of the day would be necessary. No doubt the neutrality the Standard refers to might have the effect alleged, but how long would either Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government, or any other, last if it refused to permit the Canadian navy to co-operate with the Imperial navy in time of war if ever its assistance "became necessary or could be helpful to the Imperial navy? If the separation of Canada from the Mother Country is to turn upon that contingency, neither Mr. Borden nor the Standard need worry themselves about the former's "unanswerable criticism" of the Laurier naval policy.

PRISON LABOR ON THE ROADS

It would seem that the road question may be looked at from several points of view. The people of North-

ern Ontario apparently are not so much concerned as to whether the roads in their localities are good or not as they are on the subject of who is entrusted with the task of making and repairing them, for they have petitioned the government against the employment of prison labor for the purpose. It would seem that this petition is scarcely conceived in the right spirit. The new districts which are being continually opened up cannot come to their own until they are furnished with highways of intercommunication. There is a decided dearth of navvies in this country. Therefore the Provincial authorities fell back upon the convicts.

The Toronto News in supporting the movement says that there is a further and an even better defence for the Government's action. Manual labor in the open air has a definite physical, mental and moral value for mankind. It is particularly beneficial and recuperative to the inmates of prisons. Prosperous citizens in the ordinary walks of life should not be so selfish as to deprive their less fortunate fellow creatures of the opportunity to rise to better things.

In utilizing this class of labor the Government is giving the north some of the transportation facilities that it needs, on a basis that cannot but be economical from the standpoint of the Provincial Treasury. At the same time it is enabling Mr. Hanna to try out one of his schemes for the reclamation and redemption of men, many of whom are partly the product of their environment.

POLITICAL ASTIGMATISM

(Halifax Chronicle)

Mr. R. L. Borden, who is unfortunately compelled by local political conditions to be his own press agent and Chief Booster, describes in the Halifax Herald the wildly enthusiastic series of meetings that have marked his triumphal progress through Nova Scotia.

Referring, with the accustomed modesty of the politician, to the meeting at Glace Bay last Saturday, Mr. Borden mentions the evening attendance as "between five and six thousand." This, it will be remembered, was the meeting at which, Mr. Borden was advertised to speak in the afternoon. It is noticeable that he makes no reference to the afternoon attendance, and attempts no explanation of the fact that, after his part in the performance was supposedly completed, the numbers increased after a fashion that puts the miraculous multiplication of the leaves and fishes in the shade.

The Morning Chronicle's report of this function described it as "a dismal failure." Our correspondent, who being a new man, was particularly instructed to send a correct and impartial report, estimated the attendance at about 300 in the afternoon, when Mr. Borden was billed to speak, and in the vicinity of 500 in the evening when the advance programme did not include his name. Noting that the Conservative paper's report figured the attendance in the thousands, the Chronicle wired its correspondent, calling his attention to the discrepancy and demanding an explanation. Following is his reply: "Was on grounds all afternoon and evening. Absolutely, positively and unequivocally there were not more than 300 people afternoon when Borden had been advertised to speak, and evening several hundred short of 1,000. Would honestly say not more than 500 in evening, and have secured all estimates I could. Thing really in class by itself. Can't blame you for doubts. Gazette says not more than 1,000, and 800 more nearly correct. Took estimate from 20 persons, either side indifferently."

Of course, a reasonable latitude must be allowed for political astigmatism in estimates of numbers and enthusiasm at party gatherings; but the difference between five hundred and five or six thousand is difficult to account for charitably. The Chronicle has done its best to be fair in the matter and, as evidence of its promise with Mr. Borden, and split good intention, is willing to come to the difference. At the same time we would respectfully suggest to Mr. Borden that it would be more worthy the leader of a great party to hire a press agent with a well-trained conscience to handle these statistics for him in the future. Those who were present at that meeting and who may read his "five or six thousand" estimate, might not doubt his honesty, but their is danger that his reputation as a reliable statistician may suffer.

AN M. P.'S ILLNESS

Dr. J. P. McInerney, M. P. P., of St. John is seriously ill in Montreal. A report of his death which came over the wires today was latter contradicted.

AN UNLUCKY INVENTOR

London, Aug. 26.—Dr. Albert Buchanan, replying to the chairman of the Court of Bankruptcy, said he had lost £6,000 in Hendricks Salt Springs in New Brunswick, and was unable at present to submit any proposal to the creditors.

SIR WILFRED'S RECEPTION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Must Have a Tonic Effect on the Whole Dominion, Says the Conservative Victoria Colonist--The Premier Greeted with Enthusiasm on all Sides.

(Victoria Colonist, Conservative.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—as foremost citizen of the Dominion, and as a type of the true Canadian whose eyes glimpse the splendor of his country's future and whose faith in her destinies is absolute—last evening received at the hands of the government and the people of British Columbia a welcome and a reception unprecedented in all the history of the confederated provinces.

Unique was the occasion in many diverse ways. Unusual is it to find a political knight, such as is Premier McBride, surpassing himself in courteous homage and hospitality to the chief of an opposing party. Unprecedented in brilliancy and completeness was the reception itself. The keynote of the situation was found within the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier came as a great Canadian, on a self-declared visit of non-political character, and the provincial first minister as such was glad to receive him and to pay him every mark of honor, two of the greatest statesmen of all fair Canada thus meeting, although of an antagonistic party political creeds, upon common ground, each measuring no doubt and each appreciating the many sided strength and talents of the other.

That such a reception should have been offered, accepted and given—by a Conservative premier and government to a national leader, albeit of Liberal faith—must have a tonic effect upon the whole Dominion. It will, moreover show to the people of eastern Canada, and more particularly those of the old province of Quebec, that British Columbians are just as ready, because of the constitutional position of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and of his greatness as a man and as a Canadian, to do him honor, as though British Columbia were in political faith Liberal instead of, as it is Conservative.

It will show to all of Canada that the people of this province are, first of all, Canadians, admirers of constitutional rights and privileges, and that nationalism in the west is happily as warm and strong as is or can be developed in the older Canadian states beyond the mountains and beyond the prairies. And—perchance—last evening's reception viewed and shared

in by representatives of many of the foremost public journals of almost all the provinces of Canada, may serve also to disabuse the east of some of its mistaken notions of the west, and link together the provinces in bonds of closer understanding and therefore more harmonious unity. It was the west greeting the east, and sending back a message which cannot be misunderstood in its western directness, cordiality and bigness. (Colonist, Editorial.)

The person, who would not have been pleased with the receptions extended to Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday, would be hard to satisfy. Indeed, we venture to think that the prime minister's heart must have been deeply touched as he stood upon the deck of the Princess and looked out on the beautiful scene and the vast and brilliant crowd that assembled to greet him on his arrival in the city. So also last night when so many people thronged the legislative chamber to grasp him by the hand or filled the spacious parliament grounds he must have felt that it is good to be a Canadian. The greeting was, as we said yesterday it would be, to the man and the statesman, to one who is in every sense a representative Canadian.

Not only must the distinguished visitor have felt it good to be a Canadian, but there can hardly have been a person in all the throngs who did not feel his patriotism strengthened by the demonstrations. The one thing that has been lacking in the Dominion in the past is a sense of unity; the one thing which the transcontinental journey of Sir Wilfrid will promote more than anything else is this sense of unity. He may gain a certain amount of political strength from it and he is entitled to all that is justly his on that account; but far greater than any effect, which his tour will have in that behalf, will be the promotion of this spirit of unity without which Canada can never realize her high destiny. We make bold to say that, if we know our visitor at all, he will feel far greater pride and satisfaction at being able to contribute to such a result than he will derive from any political gain that may come to himself and party as the outcome of his tour.

IS A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH OF LIBERAL PARTY

London, Aug. 25.—Sir Edward Grey speaking at Berwick today said the settlement of the lords' question was a matter of life or death to the Liberal party. There was no need to fear the conference was going to shelve or burk the question. There was a conviction on both sides that something must be done.

The Morning Post says that neither a lowering of the tariff against the United States or raising it against Britain is likely to happen, thanks to the stalwart imperialism of Canada, but the free trade press and its friends here are avowedly working for this denouement. No tariff reformers could desire a better battleground.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT FOR OUT DOOR GAMES PROVER HIGHLY SATISFACTORY

Chicago, Aug. 26.—C. A. Comiskey's recently installed lights received their first real tryout at the American League Grounds last night when the Illinois Athletic Club and Calumet Lacrosse teams battled for over two hours in a fast match in the glare of over one million candle power of light which constitutes a portion of the light plant that will give Chicago night baseball in the near future. The plant proved itself equal to the occasion for the test held up to what was expected. At no time during the eighty minutes of play did the players find it hard to follow the ball but the game proved as fast and as interesting as if it had been played in daylight.

No complaint was heard from the players and with the roof lights uncovered the contestants were in no way bothered by the force of the lamps.

THE REPORT WILL SPEAK IN PRAISE OF CANADIAN FORCES

London, Aug. 25.—The Canadian Associated Press learns a copy of the report of General Sir J. French upon the military organization and defenses of the Dominion has been forwarded to Ottawa. The conclusion arrived at by General French, it is understood, is entirely favorable. He accords unqualified praise to the spirit with which the voluntary forces meet the demands made upon them. He strongly recommends as far as the western provinces are concerned, that much more attention should be paid to cavalry and mounted infantry training and additions as specified in the report should be made to the artillery.

PERSONAL

Mr. A. F. Harrington of St. John is registered at the Queen.

Globe: Miss Nannary has returned from Fredericton after a delightful visit and with improved health.

Mrs. John Ferguson, of Fredericton, N. B., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. M. H. Bailey, of Houlton, Me.

Mr. R. A. Snowball of Chatham arrived in the city at noon today. He is at the Queen.

Messrs. W. C. Campbell and H. F. McCloskey of Boiestown are at the Barker House.

Mrs. William Kinghorn and daughter, Miss Louise Kinghorn, have returned from a pleasant visit to Montreal.

Mrs. Nannary has returned from Fredericton, after a delightful visit and with improved health.—St. John Telegraph.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willis Phillips Edmundston (N.B.), announce the engagement of their daughter, Annie L., to Dr. Roy D. Grimmer, of Hempstead, New York. The marriage to take place Wednesday, September 14.

Chatham World: Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Staples returned to Marysville Monday after a visit to their Miramichi friends.

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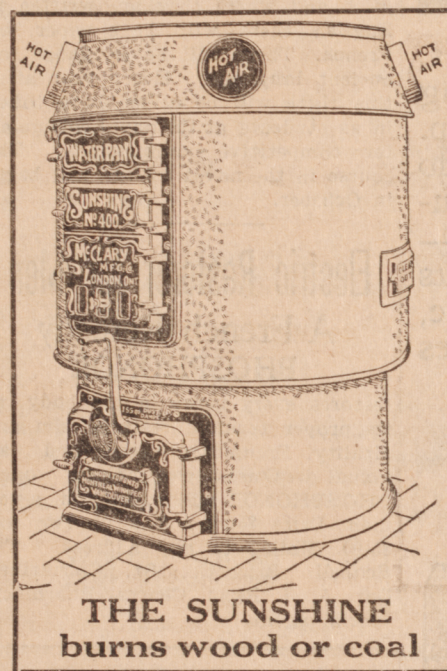
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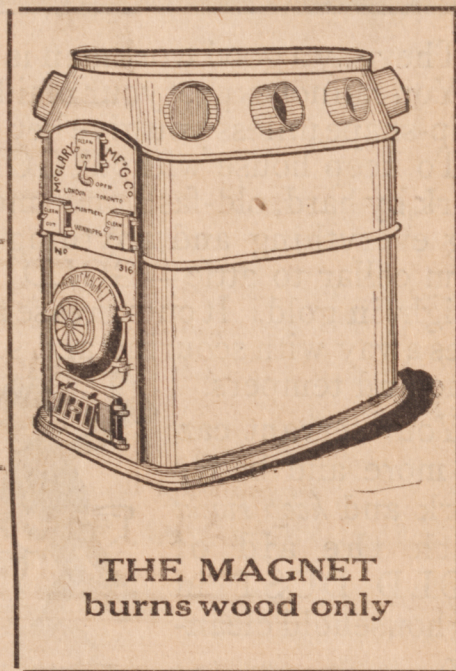
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MARYSVILLE TOPICS

Aug. 26.—The band stand which was erected by the Town Council a few years ago has been removed to the open space opposite the residence of Mayor Hatt who is going to light it from his acetylene gas plant. The present site is where it ought to have been placed at first as it is more central and the music will be heard by the citizens across the river. It is hoped we will have some music before the season is over.

Mrs. Elbridge Staples and daughter Edith have returned from their trip to Loggieville.

Mrs. John Stafford and family who have been in St. Andrews for the past few weeks have returned.

A number of our citizens went to Fredericton on Thursday to witness the base ball game at Scully's Grove.

Moneybags—"Young man, I started as a clerk on fifteen shillings a week and today I own my own business."

Hardup—"I know, sir. But they have cash registers in all the shops now."

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