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UNIONISM AND THE MILITIA

The Trades and Labor Councils has been in session in Fort William, Ont., this week and in addition to the routine business transacted there have been discussions leading to the publication of two statements which will be the cause of much comment and criticism.

The first which will be heralded with acclaim throughout the Dominion is that the Canadian Federations are gradually throwing off the yoke of the plutocrats who rule the United States unions for the benefits of their own pockets. The president of the unions across the line receives a salary of \$50,000 per annum, and if we may accept the statement made by one of the leading Socialists, spends by a conservative estimate \$125,000 per year. The union men of Canada are showing great wisdom in the moves they are making to sever all connection with the badly managed and often much be-hoodwinked organizations in the United States.

The second statement of the present congress which will attract attention is that defying the stand of the unions as regards the militia of Canada. Some of the more turbulent spirits of the gathering tried to force upon the entire body a resolution which would prevent any union man from becoming a member of a militia regiment. This was not concurred in by the whole assembly. The discussions on the subject would cause an outsider to conclude that the representatives of organized labor in Canada were almost making provision for illegal strike methods and riots. This may have been far from the intention of the members who introduced the subjects but if so the conduct of the debates was most deceiving.

Any stand of this sort will not be apt to meet with the approbation of the rest of the population as well as that vast number who comprise the saner element of the unions themselves.

These men together with all the non union population of America are convinced that if strikes are sometimes a necessary evil they should be carried on in such a way that any clash between a citizen's duty as a union man and as a militiaman, pledged in case of need to defend his country would never need the least consideration.

Canada has had an enviable small number of strikes of a nature such as to call into question this unwelcome problem. The example of the riotous strikes of the United States should be sufficient warning to all organized labor that such procedure can have but one result—the immediate loss of prestige and power to the society which will countenance such violent methods of gaining demands which must eventually be granted if reasonable and which should never have been made if violence is the only means by which they can be gained.

The tour of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been to a large extent a burlesque. In the first place, people who call Sir Wilfrid an "orator" do not know what the word means. The majority of those who, on his recent trip, went out of curiosity to see the Premier of Canada saw him—gesticulate but did not hear a word he uttered—Sydney Post.

We are awfully sorry that the Post should display so publicly the difference of its opinion, on the matter of what constitutes an orator, from that of all the great forensic speakers and actors of the day. The Premier's position as an orator is beyond dispute.

It might be well for our contemporary to remember that the human voice has its limitations. When thousands crowd about an outdoor stand to hear a great speaker it is only na-

tural that those beyond the circle which the laws of the acoustics say is possible to the trained human voice, must necessarily be disappointed.

AN AMERICAN COMPLIMENT

(Halifax Chronicle)

Mr. Borden and his newspaper supporters are asserting that the Government has stolen five planks of the celebrated "Halifax Platform," and that it has either "considerably injured or made poor use of them." One of the planks which they allege has been stolen is that of free rural mail delivery, and, of course, they contend that the Liberals have simply made a mess of it. On this point we happen to have the testimony of an expert. General DeGraw, one of the Assistant Postmasters-General of the United States, in a speech at a special function at the Toronto Exhibition the other day, said that "Canada had gone into rural mail delivery in a more systematic and business-like way than the United States. The States had paralleled and duplicated lines in a hurry, to give a district what it wanted, but the Ottawa Government avoided these disadvantages and wise men were carrying out the Canadian 'policy.' This is a high tribute, from a gentleman who is intimately associated with the rural delivery system in the United States, to the capable administration of the Post Office Department of Canada. As to the claim that the Liberals have stolen this plank from Mr. Borden's platform, it need not be seriously disputed. It is common knowledge that the officers of the Post Office Department were working upon the free rural delivery scheme, and Liberal newspapers were advocating its adoption long before Mr. Borden even dreamt of it. That he should have inserted this plank in his platform about the time that Mr. Lemieux was getting his scheme into workable shape, is of course, to be credited to the good sense of the Opposition leader. If Mr. Borden derives any pleasure from the tiresome reiteration of the story that the Liberals have stolen his "planks," by all means let him have it. That, after all, was the only way to get them off his hands! His own party would not take them as a gift."

PRESS COMMENT

Calgary Herald: Canada as a holiday resort for the people of Britain has unique attractions, and this year a large number have taken advantage of these attractions. From a financial standpoint, too, it has been demonstrated that a Canadian holiday may be a source of profit. For the man of affairs with his wits about him a holiday in Canada means the acquisition of first-hand information of a kind likely to prove exceedingly profitable. Many a man who has spent a few weeks in Canada has returned home to double his income, with perfect safety, by judicious investment in one of the many enterprises by means of which fortunes are being realized every week in this prosperous Dominion. In Calgary alone we have known those who have come west on a hunting trip, and, having seen the country, have invested in our midst to the tune of several thousand dollars.

London Advertiser:—Wireless telegraphy saved 35 lives on Lake Michigan yesterday, but nearly as many were lost through the suddenness with which the vessel went down. This is the second disaster of the same kind within a year, although no lake carriers look safer than these mammoth car ferries. There seems to be no machinery for investigating such affairs and enforcing preventive measures. For years it has been a complaint among the lake sailors that they are without the protection afforded ocean sailors. A Flimsoll is needed to do for them what was done for the seamen.

Halifax Chronicle:—We do not approve of officials in the employ of the government discussing controversial political questions, but in the case of Commander Roper, R. N., he has spoken as a naval expert, in deprecating the cry of "tin-pot navy" as applied to the Canadian Navy, and he has shown that the ships which Canada is going to provide are the ships which Britain needs most. The Commander has no interest in Canadian politics. He spoke as an experienced naval officer, not a partisan.

Halifax Chronicle:—An Ottawa despatch reports that Mr. Borden has betaken himself to the woods on a ten-day fishing trip. On the whole, Mr. Borden seems to have a pretty good time, apart from the incidental agony of his "picnic tours." But so long as his pay cheque comes in regularly every month, he can afford to put up with a few minor inconveniences.

Halifax Chronicle: Apropos of the local organ's protest against freer trade with other countries, the Moosejaw News, a Conservative paper, says: "The Western wing of the Conservative Party is for tariff reduction. That might as well be understood." And by the same token the Eastern wing stands for high protection, pure and simple. No wonder Mr. Borden has taken to the woods to think it over.

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ROYALTY UP TO AUCTION

(Toronto Globe)

The text of Sir James Whitney's remarks on the question of mutual reference is now available, and does not at all remove the impression made by the cabled summary that Sir James had virtually put Canadian loyalty up for auction. The Standard of Empire represents Sir James as saying of Britain's free trade system:—

"You have set up a golden calf to be worshipped, and you forbid anyone to discuss its omnipotence or its right to be worshipped. All I can say is that if Great Britain continues in that frame of mind the ties which bind the Dominion to her will be loosened. We want a remedy. If preference be the remedy, then let us have it. We do not care what we have so long as we are fairly treated. Give us this, and the bonds of Empire, which are so strong now, will become even stronger."

"Canada" also interviewed Sir James, and in his remarks in that journal the Premier of Ontario puts in views very bluntly:—

"All those of us who look forward to strengthening the bonds of Empire and to inducing the people of the old world to understand that if they wish for the continuance of the Empire they must realize that the overseas dominions are not to be treated like dependents, must realize the necessity of giving a patient hearing to all proposed measures looking in that direction. In my opinion, the continuance of the British Empire depends upon the consideration that will be given to all such measures during the next five or ten years. When you hear there is a feeling in Canada in favor of preference, you must remember it depends upon the effect it is believed preference would have. The feeling would be against preference if it were thought the results would be bad. We do not care whether it is preference or anything else. What we are anxious for is that something should be done to widen the Empire and broaden it out. If the greater subject is to be obscured and a refusal to consider it is to be given because of 'free trade,' and the door is to be 'banged and bolted,' on people in Great Britain will find some day that the Empire is but a recollection."

Put into plain English, this means that unless the British workman consents to the taxation of wheat, and flour, and bacon, and meats from all sources of supply save the colonies he inhabits of the overseas dominions will cut loose from the Empire. Now Britain today understands the value of her daughter nations. She does not want to part from them, and she assuredly will not seek to cut the links of Empire. Only some great cleavage involving themselves will separation come. Only some great cleavage involving the very life of the people or some principle as dear as life itself would justify disruption of the Empire. Yet Sir James Whitney in effect says that a settled adherence to free trade on the part of the mother country might very well be regarded by the colonies as sufficient excuse for cutting the painter.

Contrast this huckstering attitude of the Premier of Ontario with the views of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as stated at Nelson two weeks ago:— "The cardinal feature and outstanding

principle of the tariff is the British preference, and so long as we stay in office it will remain. This policy has met with opposition. Our opponents said we should not grant a preference unless we receive a preference in return. Not so. I have only to tell you that the policy of Great Britain is a policy of free trade. They say we should ask Britain to change her fiscal policy. How absurd! It is not the policy of the Canadian Government to ask Britain to change her fiscal policy one iota. We make our own fiscal arrangements to suit our own interests so with Britain. Yes and more: I have heard it said that unless Britain gave Canada some mutual tariff arrangement there was danger of the estrangement of our Dominion. This is an insult to the Canadian people. Let the world know what the loyalty of Canada to the British Empire, of which she is proud to be a part, is not dependent on any tariff agreement. Canada is united to the motherland in heart and in life, independent of all tariff arrangements."

With which of these presentations of the position of the Dominion does the patriotic Canadian wish to associate himself? One puts the loyalty of Canada to the Empire up to auction and says our place in it depends on Britain abandoning the golden calf of free trade and taxing her foodstuffs for our benefit. The other, with the courage of conviction says: "It is an insult to Canada to represent that unless Britain gives Canada some mutual tariff preference there is some danger of estrangement."

The Globe does not believe that Sir James Whitney meant what he is made to say in these interviews. If he did he would be quite unworthy of the place he holds in this great Province peopled largely by the children of the Loyalists who gave up all their worldly possessions for the ideal of a united Empire. The Globe does not believe that Sir James Whitney's own loyalty would be one whit weakened by Britain's refusal to give up free trade and tax the foodstuffs required by her swarming millions. Why, then, should the Premier of Ontario put his fellow countrymen before Englishmen, Scotchmen and Irishmen in so mean an attitude as this of bartering their loyalty for a five per cent. preference on wheat? There are many Canadians on the arms of this Dominion whose patriotism is as disinterested as that of Sir James Whitney. Why slander them?

HIS SPEECH.—This funny story is told of the governor of a certain nation. On being appointed to the position he was taken by the prison chaplain into the chapel, where the prisoners were assembled in a body. The chaplain presented him to the company with the remark that he would say a few words. The governor was a bashful man and unaccustomed to speech making. He stammered, stuttered, blushed and faltered:—"Ladies and gentlemen—that is, men and fellow-prisoners—er—I can't make a speech. In fact, all-er-all I can say is—that I'm very glad indeed to see so many of you here!"

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"2. When the wood is dry it absorbs more of the paint; the paint penetrates deeper into the wood there fore gets a firmer hold on it, giving the paint coating greater tenacity or holding qualities.

"3. Paint cannot be as successfully applied in damp, cloudy or unsettled weather, as in warm sunny weather. In the fall the weather is more settled and uniform and is warmer therefore it is an excellent time for painting.

"4. A house needs its protecting coat of paint more in the winter months than at any other time. A house in need of painting should never be allowed to go over the winter without this protection.

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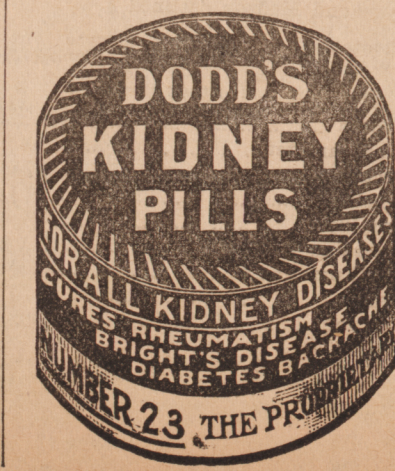
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PRACTICAL JOKE HEARD ROUND THE WORLD

New York, Sept. 16—Members of the Whitney-Rainey expedition are laughing today at the prime joke they think they have on the skipper of the steamer Hans Egede and the people of Denmark.

While their yacht the Boothic was in Godhavn they were spoken by a vessel they believe was the Hans Egede. Her captain signalled them to ask who they were and what took them so far north. Just as a jest without a thought that the echoes of it would be heard so long after in two continents, they answered that they were John Bradley and his party on their way to Etah to get Dr. Cook's records.

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