

# Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Meeting at Humboldt Was Most Enthusiastic

People From Many Countries Assembled There to Greet Him---His Message to Them was that Canada Welcomes all Comers to Share Her Best---The Premier Greatly Moved as He Stood Before that Big and Mixed Audience---Himself as an Example of Canada's Broad-Mindedness.

Humboldt, Sask., vs. Prince Rupert, July 26.—The Laurier meeting here tonight was a remarkable and never-to-be-forgotten one. The great Arena, capable of accommodating four thousand people, was packed to the doors. Something went wrong with the lights and two coal oil lamps were requisitioned, one for the platform and one for the press table. The auditorium was thrown into twilight and the people felt rather than saw. It was after nine ere the proceedings started. It was nearly eleven when the Premier rose to speak.

## MESSAGE TO OUR NEW BROTHERS.

Standing in the weird, uncertain dusk, silhouetted against the oval arc of fitful light, looking into thousands of eager eyes gleaming upward from the misty shadows of the big frame building, Sir Wilfrid Laurier delivered his memorable message to the new Canadian citizenhood, his aspirations for the country, his aims, his ideals. The Premier was moved. He was addressing young Canadians of alien blood. His greeting was personal and sympathetic. He talked as one who knew. He spoke from his own life. Its story carried meaning and inspiration. Then in the thrill of the hour he dealt fully and frankly with his conception of Canada's future—her obligations, her opportunities, her national status as part of the British Empire in the world of tomorrow. When the Premier sat down a hush fell upon the strange cosmopolitan audience, a significant momentary silence. Then cheers broke forth, swelling into a tumult of unrestrained enthusiasm, wave after wave, and continued till he arose the second time and silently bowed his acknowledgments.

## A NOTABLE GATHERING.

The gathering was a notable one. Mr. H. M. Theres, President of the Grain Growers' Association, estimated that sixty per cent. of those present were United States settlers. The balance included a large representation of Germans, Scandinavians and Galicians, men, women and children. Chairman Mayor Andriessen was a Dane, who spoke the language brokenly. Addresses of welcome were read by F. I. Hauser, a big German, and Henry Miller, a recent arrival from Minnesota. Eugene Andriessen presented the greetings of the Galicians in quaint, sympathetic phrasing. "We are perfectly happy and satisfied. We have honest toil, good education and happy homes. Canada our country, too. We wish you God speed."

"My fellow-Canadian citizens" was Sir Wilfrid's happy and hearty salutation. He spoke words of welcome "We want you to help us to make Canada the greatest nation in the British Empire. We extend the right hand of fellowship. What we have you share with us—our land, our laws our institutions, our freedom, equal rights and justice of all. We are British subjects. We believe British institutions are the best of all tarring none. We believe in the monarchical form of government and are proud of our King and Queen."

## QUEENS AND BUTTER.

Speaking to the chairman, a Danish butter-maker Sir Wilfrid related an incident of Queen Alexandra's visit to the Canadian dairy exhibit at London. Her Majesty was highly congratulatory but opined that Denmark supplied the finest butter.

"Nay" respectfully protested Canadian Commissioner Hutchinson. "Denmark supplies the best Queens, but the best butter comes from Canada."

## WILLING TO SHARE

"Let me say to our fellow-citizens, those who have come from the American Republic, those who have come from Scandinavia or Germany or the Danubian provinces or France or Belgium all our fellow-citizens, that there is nothing we of Canada have that we are not willing to share with them. Let me tell them that I present myself as an example of the breadth of the institutions of this country. This is a British country. It is the blood of old England or Ireland or Scotland that flows in the veins of the great masses of her people."

I, like many of you, am not of British blood; my ancestors came from that old country, France. Yet, over twenty-two years ago, on the retirement of Mr. Blake forgetting my many shortcomings, irrespective of alien blood that flowed in my veins the French descent which is shared by only a minority of the people of this British country one of the great parties which contributes to the government of this country under British institutions asked me to become its leader. I hesitated for personal and political reasons. Was it wise for one of the race of the minority to undertake the leadership of the majority? They told me then what I have learned to know from experience since, that the Liberal party knows no difference of creed or race, that whoever is worthy of support will have it given him, whole soulfully. The race is open to all. Whoever the man who comes to Canada, what ever the land from which he may come or the altar at which he kneels, if he becomes a Canadian-British subject he can aspire to the best and highest this land can offer. Whatever can be claimed by men of British origin will be given him. (Cheers) The British constitution knows no distinctions; all are equal. Therefore" added Sir Wilfrid, turning to Mr. Andriessen, "I say to my fellow-citizens, the Galicians, who favored me with this whatever we have they shall have. We ask only one thing; it is this, that all who come to this land shall accept, along with the rights we offer them the duties and obligations of Canadian citizenship. (Renewed applause.)

## THE CANADIAN NAVY

"One of these obligations" the Premier proceeded, "was the duty of defending our own country and the Empire of which we are a part. That is one thing I have to lay before my new fellow-countrymen as well as my old fellow-countrymen. In the Parliamentary session recently closed legislation had been adopted for the creation of a Canadian navy. They were very far from the sea in this part of the country, and perhaps the matter consequently had not specially appealed to them. But whether they lived by the sea or in the centre of the continent as Canadians they had similar duties as well as similar rights and it was for all of them to take part in the defence of their country and their King and constitution. We have been told this is the first step towards militarism," observed the Premier. "I do not agree with anything of the kind; for my part, I shall ever be opposed to militarism. But defence does not mean militarism, any more than militarism means defence. It is our duty to look after our own country."

## RIGHTS OF A NATION.

"Up to the present time our country has been looked after altogether by the motherland, but, sir, the time has come when Canada should assume the rights of a nation. We claim to be British subjects. We have the sovereignty of King George over us. But while we acknowledge the sovereignty of the King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India, we say also that Canada is a nation and we say the part Canada shall play is not the part of a dependency, but the part of a nation such as we are at the present time. There are independent nations existing which have neither the population nor the wealth of Canada. Belgium, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, have not the population nor the wealth of Canada; and Canada, with now a population of seven millions, claims that she is a nation and therefore ready to assume all the duties and responsibilities which pertain to a nation. There has been no nation with a sea coast which ever existed without having a navy. This is the reason we are going to have a navy. We claim it is part of our manhood that we should relieve the British taxpayer of the duty of defending us. We can do it ourselves."

## A NEW WORLD SPECTACLE

"We claim that the navy we have at present will not cause independence or separation. We will

show the world a spectacle that has not been presented before. The history of Canada today is not like the history of any other nation. All colonies after a certain time have severed their connection with the parent State. The United States severed their connection in the eighteenth century and the Greek colonies in the ancient world separated from the mother country. But we claim that we have founded our independence in the maintenance of our allegiance. We are going to build a British Empire on the rock of local autonomy, and that local autonomy is connected with Imperial unity. That is the position I have to take, and in taking that position, which I intend to maintain up to the last we have to fight the prejudice that exists at both ends. I ask the men of all races and creeds to stand by these two cardinal principles: the autonomy of Canada and the unity of the British Empire."

## THE CONSERVATIVE ATTACK

The Premier explained the dual Conservative attack on the naval policy. The camp of Mr. Borden, which urged a contribution of Dreadnoughts, claimed it would lead to independence and separation. The camp of Mr. Monk, which opposed any action urged that it would cost Canada her autonomy as a nation. "Both are wrong" declared Sir Wilfrid. "We will find our independence in the maintenance of our allegiance, and our local autonomy in Imperial unity." (Cheers.)

## PUT COUNTRY FIRST.

"We are not yet as we should be," confessed the Premier. "There are those—God pity them—who would seek to sow the seed of suspicion and discord among men of different origins who compose our nation. Appeals

are made to the passions of men of my blood. There is no possible excuse for this. It is not Canadianism as I conceive it. I appeal earnestly from the bottom of my heart to our people, our people of the east and of the west of all races and all creeds, put Canada first, be loyal to the great interests of our common country. Make her what she may be—all she may be. Stand together one grand citizenhood, shoulder to shoulder, for the autonomy of Canada and the unity of the British Empire."

The people cheered, and cheered again, when Sir Wilfrid was called to the stand and acknowledged the tribute.

"I thank you, fellow-Canadians. I thank you from the bottom of my heart" was all he said. It was midnight when the Premier concluded one of the finest addresses of his tour.

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Melfort, Sask., July 28.—Up in the same northern latitude as Hudson Bay, the premier and touring party for the first time this morning encountered a touch of Arctic atmosphere. The sky was clouded and the wind was blowing a gale. The premier enjoyed the unexpected change. Sir Wilfrid is an early riser, and with his figure enveloped in an overcoat strolled up and down the platform exchanging greetings with the passing laborers on their way to work and stopping to chat with the children who strayed down to the station.

The meeting was in the open air on the prairie, the speakers and audience—thousands of men, women and children—in overcoats and wraps. The premier was escorted to the temporary platform by the boy scouts whom he inspected and addressed. A civic address was read by Mayor Jameson. "I forget that I am a party man" declared the premier, "though I am proud of my party I remember rather that I'm a Canadian, but you are Canadians, and I stand before you as a Canadian speaking to Canadians, proud of our country, proud of British institutions under which we live, which is the freest and best under the sun. I extend to new comers Canada's warm and hearty welcome."

Sir Wilfrid addressed himself to the women in the gathering. Theirs was the better part. It was to them that the country looked in its great ambition to make this a happy homeland to create high standard of ideals, to

supply sunlight and hope and joy to the uplifting of the young nation.

Hon. Mr. Graham pointed out that the building of the Hudson Bay railway was the smallest part of the project the premier had committed to him. "We propose" said he, not only to open up the country by transportation but to secure a market for its produce. We plan harbors, wharf equipment and elevators properly conducted." (Applause.)

"A connecting steamship line to carry wheat to Europe and markets has to be part of the arrangements. I have been in conference with transportation men on the project, but they view it as an experiment. This is not politics but business. We believe it good business for the whole of Canada. You have not only grain, but you have possibilities for mixed farming a shortened haul will open up operations in the cattle trade. We believe ourselves to be in a position to go ahead on a sound business basis."

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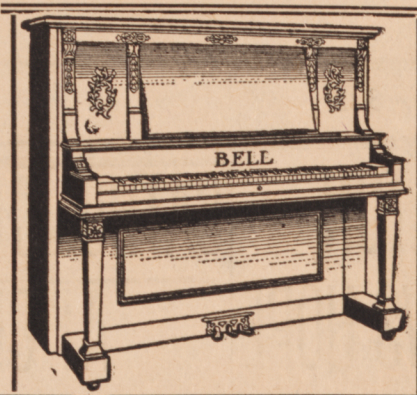
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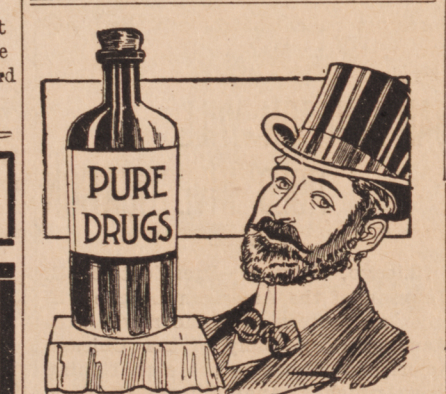
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