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## IN THE WEST

In a few days Sir Wilfrid Laurier will arrive in Canada on his return from the Mother Country and preparations are now on foot for a royal welcome for him. On the other hand, the leader of the second great party in the Dominion is the subject of considerable criticism even by Conservatives themselves because of his course in reference to his speech-making tour of the West. For one leader enthusiastic praise because of his statesmanlike course at a memorable gathering at the heart of the Empire. For the other leader criticism by his own friends, or at the least, a shaking of heads as to the effectiveness of his leadership.

The existing situation is typical of the conditions usually prevailing in the parties of Canada under their present respective leaders. Laurier has the faculty of inspiring the confidence of his followers at all times. Mr. Borden on the other hand, by his vacillation, by his foolish yieldings at various times to the hasty counsel of hot-heads in his own party, by his succession of failures has now completely shaken even the confidence of those Conservatives who make a religion of their political creed and apparently feel that a Conservative leader can hardly do wrong. It is certain moreover, that the spirit of confidence in a political party must be diffused primarily because of the leader himself and so long as this remains a fact and Mr. Borden continues at the head of the Conservative forces the Liberals need have little fear of the result of political contests.

It is quite true that Mr. Borden on his present tour has shown himself possessed of a quality which he had previously not displayed. This quality has been shown in an outspoken denunciation of reciprocity at meetings at which the majority of his hearers were farmers strongly favorable to the very project the Conservative leader condemned. It is difficult to say whether Mr. Borden in this course has been prompted by a courage which he was not hitherto known to possess or whether his utterances have been merely the result of more of that political blundering which has come to be expected of him. Again and again he has told the farmers of the west, the very people who made the strongest demand upon the Liberal government for reciprocity, that he and his party are opposed to free trade relations with the United States. And this he has done in spite of the fact that again and again in the west he has been told by influential farmers in so many words that the agriculturalists of that part of Canada are putting reciprocity before party ties. It may be that Mr. Borden is conscientiously opposed to reciprocity and consequently as a matter of principle so declares himself even where he knows that his declaration will mean the loss of votes for Conservative candidates. Unfortunately, however, his record in the past, is such as to lead one rather to the conclusion that the Conservative chief's course at present is simply another piece of that political blundering for which he has become notorious though hardly famous. And it is hardly to be wondered that the current of dissatisfaction is sweeping steadily stronger in the Conservative ranks.

Perhaps the most cutting censure given Mr. Borden in the west has been the comment made by a grain grower at a Saskatoon meeting at which the Conservative chieftain was a speaker. This gentleman described Mr. F. G. W. Haultain, the Con-

servative leader in the Saskatchewan legislature, as a man of honor because he put aside party ties and voted for reciprocity as a measure designed and calculated to advance greatly the material interests of the country. This declaration made to Mr. Borden's face must have shown that partisan politician how thorough-going is the western opposition to his attitude toward reciprocity. It showed too, that in the coming election contest, whenever it may be called on, the agriculturists of the west will cut themselves entirely loose from party ties and will vote for those candidates who are pledged in favor of reciprocity. From such a situation Mr. Borden and his associate Conservative politicians can derive scant comfort. Mr. Borden unfortunately for him and for the party he is supposed to lead, evidently has the most unhappy faculty of allowing himself to be swayed by party shibboleth rather than by independent considerations of public conditions and by careful examinations of the sentiment of the people. Because of these facts the Conservatives may reasonably be expected to continue in opposition so long as the Halifax man is suffered to continue to mislead.

If the Tory chairman of the county Board of Health has been as anxious to serve the interests of the county as he was to put patronage in the way of political friends he would have allowed the Indian agent to have furnished the supplies to the Indians of the St. Marys reserve during the smallpox quarantine. Had that been done the bill would have been \$300 instead of \$700.

The following able and convincing argument against the reciprocity agreement recently appeared in the local Tory organ and is supposed to be from the pen of Mr. O. S. Crockett: "Mr. Fielding did not succeed in wrecking confederation, nor will he be successful in his present attempt to wreck Canada. His only successful wrecking business was the Farmers' Bank."

Our old friend, Mr. Pinder, who has been barn-storming against reciprocity, has been shipping laths to the United States at the rate of four million a year for several years past. Perhaps he is not aware of the fact that under the terms of the reciprocity agreement the United States government is to make a substantial reduction in the duty on laths.

If the charges made by the St. Marys' grocer who furnished supplies to the Indians are fair and reasonable, there is no reason why the county council should not pay the bill in full. If the chairman of the Board of Health is incompetent we cannot see as that is any good reason why the grocer should be made to suffer.

The Liberals of Kent will meet in convention at Richibucto on Monday to nominate a candidate for the federal House and three candidates for the Legislature. Hon. William Pugsley and Hon. C. W. Robinson will deliver addresses.

Sir John Macdonald once said that if you wait for an Indian to be satisfied you will wait until the millennium. Chairman Smith of the Board of Health, will probably say amen to that.

Commodore Stewart has called a convention of the Conservatives of Northumberland for July 25th to select a standard bearer for the House of Commons.

## GIBSON UNITED BAPTIST.

Pastor, Rev. W. H. Jenkins.  
10 a.m., prayer meeting.  
10.45 a.m., preaching.  
Sunday school at the close of the morning service.  
7 p.m., preaching. Subject, "The Roman Catholic Problem in Canada." All are welcome.

## UNITED SERVICES.

Rev. J. H. MacDonald, pastor of the Brunswick Street United Baptist Church, will preach at the George Street United Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Sunday and at the Brunswick Street United Baptist Church at 7 p.m. During the present month the congregations of the two churches will hold united services.

## METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Neil McLaughlin will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Study Union at 2.30 p.m.

## COMMITTEE DECIDES THAT MARYSVILLE HAS NO CLAIM

Final Session of Semi-Annual Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon---Coun. Colter Moves For Another Investigating Committee---Motion Defeated.

The final session of the present county council of the Municipality of York was held yesterday afternoon. The report of the committee on the claim of the Town of Marysville to overassessment was presented and adopted by an unanimous vote. The report stated that the committee after careful consideration, had decided that there was no foundation for Marysville's claim. Coun. Colter made the statement that the Town of Marysville had not been assessed for the \$3,200 required to retire the outstanding bonds which were paid a short time ago. Secretary Treasurer Bliss disagreed with Coun. Colter in this matter but the councillor asked for a committee to investigate the matter. His motion to appoint such a committee was overwhelmingly defeated, only the mover and seconder voting for it. Minor business was also transacted.

## FINAL SESSION.

Business was resumed at two o'clock.

On the motion of Coun. Everett, the by-law relating to the running of cattle at large was amended so as to permit cattle to run at large for six weeks in the autumn, from October 1st to November 15th and that pound keepers have returns of receipts and expenditures ready for inspection by the councillors.

## MARYSVILLE CLAIM.

On the motion of Coun. Timmins, the report of the committee on the Marysville claim was read by Coun. Grant.

The report was as follows: To the Warden and County Council of the Municipality of York: Your committee appointed to investigate the claim advanced on behalf of the Town of Marysville that the town has been overassessed, beg leave to report that we have carefully gone through the county auditor's reports from the year 1887 to the present time, also the county minutes, debenture book and all the county records bearing on the matters referred to your committee and we are convinced that the Town of Marysville has no just foundation for the said claim.

The records show that during several years since the Town of Marysville was incorporated (1886) the town was overassessed, but that every dollar of such overassessment has been repaid to Marysville.

Your committee regret that the representatives of Marysville have not agreed to the finding of your committee.

We attend to our report detailed statements dealing with the subject matter of our investigation.

John F. Timmins,

G. C. Grant,

David A. Essensa.

Committee Room, July 7, 1911.

Coun. Timmins informed Coun. Colter that the opinion of the councillors was that the Town of Marysville had no claim on the county.

Coun. Reynolds moved, seconded by Coun. Carson, that the report be accepted.

Coun. Essensa stated that the Marysville committee had failed to meet the county committee and that the council should put itself on record as adopting the report to show succeeding councils that the decision had been reached unanimously after over two years' consideration.

Coun. Timmins stated that Mayor Hatt of Marysville had said that he wished only to look over some figures personally before signing the report.

The secretary treasurer informed the council that the Town of Marysville had been holding back a portion of its annual assessment. As far as he knew there was nothing to prevent

Marysville from suing the county. Marysville, however, had been badly advised in the matter. He thought it would have been unfair to the councillors to have concluded the session without giving them an opportunity to settle the matter.

The report was adopted.

## COUN. COLTER'S MOTION.

Coun. Colter moved for the appointment of a committee to investigate why Marysville had not been assessed for its share of the sum of \$3,200.00 used in the payment of the Fredericton railway debentures.

He had no seconder.

The usual fees for chaplain, reporters and constables were voted on the motion of Coun. Smith, seconded by Coun. Wetmore.

The warden's fee was also voted. On the motion of Coun. Fawcett a vote of thanks was tendered the secretary treasurer and the committee for the able way in which the matter of the Marysville claim had been dealt with.

Coun. Timmins, chairman of the committee, responded feelingly. He said the committee had done a large amount of hard work. He thought the men who had represented Marysville—men of ability—had been convinced that the county did not owe Marysville a dollar.

The Marysville committee had treated the county committee with all courtesy due it.

Coun. Essensa thanked the members of the board for the assistance the members of the council had given. He felt that nothing was due the Town of Marysville but that that town owed the county an apology.

Coun. Grant spoke in a similar manner. He thought fair play had been given everyone. He thanked all for the vote of appreciation.

Coun. Bliss said when he knew the council appreciated his efforts he was satisfied. Marysville, he felt, was absolutely conscientious in making the claim. He expressed his thanks to the other members of the committee for their aid and support. The trouble had been a great strain on the temper, but he felt that Marysville was satisfied.

Coun. Colter again moved for the appointment of a special committee to investigate. His motion was seconded by Coun. Morrison.

Speaking to his motion, Coun. Colter said he wished to congratulate the members of the Marysville claim committee on the successful termination of their labors. He then referred to the auditor's report.

Only the mover and seconder voted in support of the resolution.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the warden for the efficient and impartial manner in which he had presided over the sessions of the council.

The warden responded appropriately.

On the motion of Coun. Timmins a vote of thanks was extended to the reporters.

The press representatives replied in a suitable manner, expressing their appreciation of the courteous and generous treatment they had received.

## Board of Trade Meeting

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade will be held in the City County Chamber on Monday evening, July 10th, at eight o'clock.

H. S. CAMPBELL, Secretary

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard and son have gone to Westfield for the summer.

JULY 7th, 1911

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