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THE NATIONALIST CASE

The decisive defeat sustained by the Nationalist candidate in last week's provincial by-election in St. John's, Quebec, was a notable testimony to the fact that Nationalism is not the all-powerful force which some persons and papers have declared it to be. In this there is reason for gratification. It would indeed be a serious matter for Canada were the pernicious doctrines of the Nationalists to find any measure of general support. That this is so, may readily be judged from the statement of the non-partisan weekly, Toronto Saturday Night. "The principle of live and let live" has no place in the Nationalist propaganda," said this paper. The Nationalist movement, Saturday Night continues, is a conspiracy to drive from public life men who "favor the extension of the British empire, and the development of Canada as an Anglo-Saxon nation. The Nationalists argue that the British occupy Canadian soil on suzerainty. They still talk as though this were the year 1758."

These quotations show clearly the opinion of the Nationalist scheme entertained by an independent journal. But Saturday Night might have gone farther. It might have pointed out that to allow Nationalism to spread its influence unopposed would be to jeopardize the welfare of the Canadian people. And it is because the Conservative leaders at Ottawa have countenanced at least a tacit alliance with the Nationalists of Quebec in the effort to compass Liberal defeat that they must be subject to censure from that overwhelming body of Canadians who place the peace and progress of the country before the fulfillment of party desires. It is not necessary to repeat again any of those disgraceful separatist sentences with which Nationalist orators sought to mislead the electors in the contest in Drummond-Arthabaska. Many of them are still fresh in the minds of Mail readers, who remember also that one of the Nationalist campaigners in Drummond-Arthabaska was Mr. F. D. Monk, M. P., one of Mr. R. L. Borden's prominent lieutenants in the Commons. Readers will also recall that it was Hon. Geo. E. Foster, who advised the electors in Drummond-Arthabaska to vote against Laurier by voting for the Nationalist candidate. While it is not necessary to refer to the Nationalist speeches in that by-election it may be pointed out that Nationalist speeches in the more recent contest in St. John's in some cases at least were of the same tenor as marked Nationalist utterances of a few weeks previous. For instance, the Conservative Montreal Star, a day or so before the St. John's polling, stated that "Mayor Garneau, of Drummondville, did not hesitate to use the stereotyped argument of the Nationalists in Drummond-Arthabaska. 'What is the Nationalist creed?' he asked. It was that we should have the right to speak first as well as last. If the English flag flies over Canada today, England owes it to us. Yet they would make us an inferior race with no right to speak nor express our opinions." Truly, this is pretty doctrine to preach in Canada. Perhaps Mr. Crockett, M. P., who has yet to express public condemnation of the Nationalist movement, will number Mayor Garneau among his campaigners if he should again seek election in this constituency. The Conservative-Nationalist alliance might admit of such a happening.

In connection with the St. John's contest it may be noted that there was no Conservative candidate in the field. The presence of such a candidate might have been regarded by the Nationalists as on unfriendly act on the part of the men who follow the Borden banner. Here clearly is another evidence of the Conservative endeavor to assist the Nationalists in the campaign against Laurier. It may be noted also the result of the polling shows that the Nationalist leaders, Bourassa, Monk, Blondin, et al, have not succeeded in undermining Liberalism in Quebec. The Conservatives who saw in the Drummond-Arthabaska result the death-blow of Liberalism in Quebec, may now realize that again their wish was father to their thought, and the thought was without real justification. If the Liberal party is to be defeated in Canada it will be by means of an honorable campaign, based on a broad policy and waged man fashion. A corporation campaign in 1904 was unsuccessful. A slander campaign in 1908 was unsuccessful. A Nationalist-Conservative campaign to day would be unsuccessful. Mr. Borden has yet to indicate any broad lines of policy on which the Conservatives might wage a campaign with any prospect of success. Canada will continue to prosper under Liberal administration for a goodly number of years yet. And York will be in the Liberal column again after the next election, unless present indications are all astray.

The St. John Standard has made the discovery that Mr. William Jaffrey of St. Marys who recently publicly announced his conversion to the Liberal faith was "always a dyed-in-the wool grit." The people of this vicinity also knew Mr. Jaffrey did not need to be told that the Standard's statement is a falsehood. Everybody knows that Mr. Jaffrey voted for the McLeod, Pinder, Young Robinson combination in March 1908 and supported O. S. Crockett at the Dominion election that followed a few months later. Having publicly renounced Toryism he has of course made himself a target for the poisoned darts of the assassin element of the party.

The city of St. John was the scene of a disgraceful fracas on New Year's eve. Several hundred young men primed with bad liquor, paraded the streets, stopped and damaged the street railway cars, smashed a number of windows hurled a policeman through a shop window, and wound up by a raid on Sheffield street. It is estimated that it will take at least \$2000 to repair the property damaged by the mob. The whole affair was disgraceful and scandalous and the young men who participated in it ought to be heartily ashamed of themselves by this time.

The Chatham World (Tory) in discussing the local government's financial statement says: This is the same old financial farce—an annual increase of debt and an annual surplus. Mr. Flemming will no doubt, be able to show that the provincial treasury will soon be too small to hold the provincial cash.

The Fredericton correspondent of The Standard has made the remarkable discovery that the respectable Liberals do not attend the party gatherings in his city. It looks as if the correspondent was laboring under a serious misapprehension as to the meaning of the term "respectable."

NEW MARKET

Dec. 28.—A light fall of snow came last night but not enough to make sleighing. Mostly all of our select workmen have gone to Allendale to work for Mr. Cook Parker, the well known lumberman. Mr. Arthur Doohan, who has been here for the last three weeks, visiting his mother, returned to Houlton, Me. yesterday. Mr. Hugh Foley, our popular merchant, is in the city today. Mr. Walter Doohan is having his wood sawed by the Foley Bros. with their gasoline sawyer. Whooping cough is quite prevalent here, there being a great number of cases. But it does not seem to stop the children from attending school. Mr. John McDermott has gone to Yoho to work for Mr. Robert Aiken. Mr. Willie Donnelly of Lake George, is a frequent visitor to this place. Mr. Robert Lorne, the well known trapper, passed through here last week on a hunting expedition. Mr. Thos. Cassidy of Prince William was a visitor to this place Sunday.

Mr. Arthur O'Brien who has been spending New Year's at his home here leaves for Montreal this evening.

MARVELLOUS GROWTH UNDER LIBERAL RULE

(Halifax Record).

The trade reports of the country for the eight months past are eloquent with their story of progress. During the Mackenzie Administration, from 1874 to 1878, the world was suffering from a commercial depression such as had not occurred within the memory of the oldest then living. Banks were toppling, factories were closing, firm after firm was going into liquidation in every country where such things existed. Canada suffered with the rest, but not as much as the others. Yet all these things were ignored, belittled or denied by the Tory Opposition, which came into power as a consequence of the misdirected ill-feeling resulting from the general depression. Sir John, on taking office, promptly introduced the National Policy as a panacea for all existing national ills. The legislation was heralded with a trumpet blast of adulation and mutual admiration on the part of the Tory leaders; and with what result? In 1878 the total trade of Canada was \$172,405,424. Seven years of this National Policy found it at \$198,000,000 in 1885; twenty-six millions in seven years! A year later it fell again to \$190,000,000. By 1890 it had passed the two hundred million mark and stood at \$218,000,000; forty-six millions in twelve years! By 1893 it reached the highest point, over two hundred and forty-seven millions, and thereafter fell off until 1896, when the figures were \$239,000,000. Eighteen years of the National Policy, eighteen years of Tilley, Tupper and Foster financing showed a total permanent gain in our foreign commerce of sixty-seven millions. Meantime practically every other civilized nation had mown up immeasurably better than this, Australia trebling her trade. The Laurier administration came into office in 1896, immediately the country was inspired by a new confidence and

once more set about nation-building with a new spirit. The results of the re-birth were at once seen. Our trade leaped to 257 millions in one year, to over three hundred millions in two years, passed the four hundred million mark in 1902, the five hundred million mark in 1906, reached 650 millions in 1908 and, in the year which ended on March 31st 1910, showed the great total of little under seven hundred millions. This is certainly an amazing record; but now comes the news that the current fiscal year will show a gain as remarkable as any heretofore reported. The eight months tells us that the trade advance has been seventy-two millions over the corresponding period of last year with all its record-breaking figures. The end of the current term will see Canada with a foreign commerce passing the eight hundred million mark, an enormous figure for a country of less than eight millions souls. Our revenues, our bank clearings, bank deposits and discounts are all keeping pace with this commercial development showing how fast our general wealth is increasing. The movement of immigration has been even more remarkable than the commercial movement. From a paltry eighteen thousand off set by an exodus of forty thousand—in 1896, the newcomers have multiplied in numbers until the conclusion of the current fiscal year will without doubt report the arrival of at least three hundred and fifty thousand additional citizens to aid in the upbuilding of a mighty nation; and best of all, this number will not be offset by the departing of thousands of our native born to seek their fortunes elsewhere. People do not seek to leave a country which is prosperous, neither do they seek to settle in a country marching under any banner but that of prosperity.

HEAVY FOG ENVELOPS THE ATLANTIC COAST

New York, Jan. 3.—The heavy fog which has been enveloping the Atlantic seaboard for the last 24 hours, showed no signs of lifting early today and marine traffic in and out of the port of New York was at a complete standstill. The screening fog and blankets of fine mist, made navigation impossible and the marine observers along the coast line reported merely "fog everywhere."

NEW BRUNSWICK CASE IN BOSTON COURTS

Boston, Jan. 3.—(Special)—In the Superior Court here today the case of the St. Croix Paper Manufacturing Company, vs Frank Todd of Stephen was taken up. It is an action for the sum of \$100,000 and arose over a dispute between St. Croix Paper Company and Frank H. Todd for the sale of timber lands.

PERSONALS

Mr. George Stack, the well-known game warden of Harvey, is in the city today. Mr. Stack recently returned from Montreal, where he was under treatment at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Mr. Arthur Finnemore arrived home Saturday to spend New Year's. Mr. Eric MacDonald left yesterday to resume his studies at Acadia.

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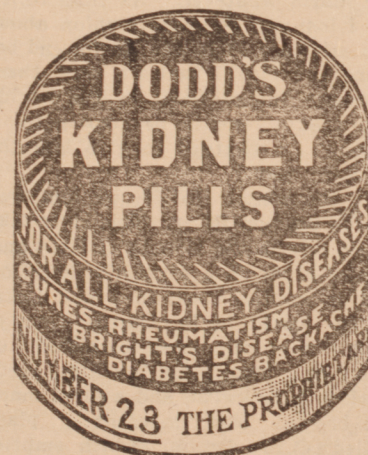
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E. S. WETMORE.

Blackville, N. B., Jan. 3, 1911.

COL. McLEAN IS LIKELY TO COMMAND

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—It is practically decided that Col. McLean will command the coronation contingent. However neither the militia council or government has yet taken action but they will probably do so early in January.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—(Special)—Militia orders issued today announce the following appointments: Maritime provinces command, 13th Infantry Brigade: To command the brigade, Lieutenant-Colonel J. D. B. F. MacKenzie, from brigade-major, vice Lieutenant-Colonel D. McL. Vince, who is retired, retaining rank.

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