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THE LIBERALS HAVE LOST BUT CAUSE WILL PREVAIL

How Sir Wilfrid Laurier Received the News of the Government's Defeat in St. Peter's Market, Quebec--The Tory Nationalist Alliance was too Strong for Him--Party has Received a Check but will Come Back Again--Pleased over the Result in Quebec

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—"We have fallen in a high and honorable cause, we have received a check but we shall come again to the fight. I thank you for what you have done for me for thirty years. Today we have lost, but our cause shall prevail."

There was a moment's hush in the smoke-filled, dimly lighted room at St. Peter's market when the speaker had finished the few words. It was one of those moments when no one could applaud. Friends and foes alike were silent and the tall, gray-haired man, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, bowed slightly and was silent. Then came a sudden clapping and the spell was broken.

Mr. Devlin followed, bold, rugged, courageous, but the eye of the assemblage was not on him, as he stepped forward to the edge of the platform. Sir Wilfrid moved back to the table and stood for a moment, his head bowed as in deep thought and no one spoke to him.

The few who witnessed this scene in the big barracks of a market building, where Sir Wilfrid went to get the last returns about 8 o'clock at night, will not forget it. It was one of the big moments of a nation's history and the man on whom every eye was fixed was the nation's best man. It was more than the fall of a government, it was the checking of an idea; the end of a tradition; the turning of the tide.

Men have died for a lesser thing. This was the wrenching away of power which is sometimes more than life. The thing lifted itself above its grim, drab surroundings and stood up on a pinnacle and the words which fell from the man's lips were weighed with a great import which victory itself would not have brought.

EVEN GREAT IN DEFEAT

The man has been great in his many hours of victory, but never greater than in his hour of defeat, splendid courage, firm resolve triumphing over bitter defeat; the will and the heart holding up the tired body, indomitable pluck; clear grit to the end. It was almost worth being beaten to have been present when the end came.

The great room was blue with smoke and dimly lighted. At a table on the platform sat Sir Wilfrid. Beside him Hon. C. R. Devlin, of the Quebec cabinet, who has fought the fight like the two-fisted Irishman he is; M. P. Davis the contractor, and Philippe Paradis, Liberal organizer for Quebec.

Of all the thousands who have shouted and sworn loyalty to Sir Wilfrid these alone were with him in his hour of defeat and it was better, too.

Two hundred people were gathered in the hall and, through a window at the side, a spitting calcium light threw the returns on a street between the trees. Outside only a small crowd had gathered. The bigger crowds were up town in the noise and excitement. Down where St. Peter's market squats it was dark and quiet. Return after return came in and every moment the certainty of defeat became greater and more bitter.

Self contained as ever, Sir Wilfrid took the yellow slips and noted their contents, not a muscle showing the strain he was laboring under, but at last it became too great. He saw that there was no hope of victory, and, like the man he is, calmly acknowledged his defeat.

"The returns are not yet complete," he said, "but we know that victory, which has been so long on our side has at last abandoned us. It would seem that our adversaries have obtained the majority of representatives from the whole country."

"What consolation there is for me in this is to know that the Province of Quebec has remained faithful to us."

"I can say that I have nothing to reproach myself with. I regret greatly the defeat of my colleagues. The Nationalist-Tory alliance has been too strong for us."

REGRETS DEFEAT OF RECIPROCITY

"For our party, though defeated, it rests to go forward with head high, honorably, to where victory waits."

"My regret, though profound, is not for personal reasons. I regret not only the defeat of the government but that the country will be led to the rejection of reciprocity. Our relations with the United States have always been cordial. I do not know what the effect of this will be on them. We have tried to make them most cordial. I can say this in all confidence."

"My heart beats strong as ever and I can hold my head as high. The Liberal party has received a check but it will continue its work. The only thing I ask is that you do not lose courage. If I were twenty years younger I would again be in the breach, and as it is I cannot say what course I shall take."

"And one last word, let me thank you for what you have all done for me. I have led my party for twenty years, I believe without shame, and I think Quebec (East) has nothing to blush for. We have received a check, but we will come again to the fight."

DEFEATED BUT NOT DISGRACED

There was nothing flamboyant about it, no posturing, no appeals to sympathy, no heroics, but with simple dignity and speaking softly he told the men who have followed him through good report and ill for thirty years, that he was beaten and in the few brief moments of speech touched upon the past and present, the alliance which had overthrown him and the price which Canada might have to pay for that overthrow. Then his message given, his farewell delivered he sat down.

There was something wonderfully impressive in that short valedictory, of high courage which though admitting the defeat of the moment yet would admit no more, and a proud consciousness that there was nothing to blush for. The fight had been for a great cause, worthily fought and honorably lost. A burst of applause greeted him as he stepped forward.

Sir Wilfrid was neither hopeful nor despondent as he left the hotel for the far off St. Peter's market in the heart of his own division, where he was to get the rest of the returns. Nothing seemed able to affect the wonderful coolness which has made him the almost the only man to keep his head in the last six weeks. Then when the crash came and nothing more was to be said he left the hall, head up, smiling, adding a cheery word to a hearty handshake as he hastened through the respectful parting crowd to his waiting motor.

It was black and cold and silent outside. There were no cheers at first though they sang out as he began to move away and followed him along the street till the crowd was left.

Every eye was on him as he passed through the retounda of the Chateau Frontenac, but those who looked for bowed head and drooped shoulders were disappointed. Had he been returned in triumph he could not have held himself more erect. The chattering telegraph instrument was still when he got up again to his suite; there was no crowding of exultant visitors to shake his hand to let him, the powerful one, see how devoted they were. Mr. Devlin and Mr. Paradis alone accompanied him to his room and far into the night they sat talking things over.

All his friends in Quebec are thinking of him tonight. "What about the chief?" "How is he taking it?" were the questions you met on every side. "The chief, he is taking it like the chief."

Mrs. J. L. McMurray of St. John and friend, Miss Campbell, have been spending a few days here.

Mrs. Palmer of Sackville, is visiting Miss McCausland.

MODERN PRAIRIE SCHOONER NOW CROSSING THE CONTINENT



TWO TYPES OF PRAIRIE SCHOONERS.

The type of the 1911 prairie schooner, now crossing the continent from Atlantic City to San Francisco, amazes old-timers. It bears an outward resemblance to vehicles used by the pioneers, but there the likeness ends. To compare the two types is laughable. The first automobile prairie schooner that has essayed to cross the American continent is now nearing the end of its journey, bringing up the rear of the transcontinental caravan of ten touring automobiles by their owners and filled with families and friends, who are prominent New Yorkers and Philadelphians as a commissary and baggage car.

SUPREME COURT DELIVERED IMPORTANT JUDGMENTS

The Supreme Court sat at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, the full bench being present and delivered judgment in several important cases and heard common motions. The court adjourned sine die after transacting the following business:

COMMON MOTIONS.

The following motions were made: W. H. Harrison, trustee, vs. Nepisiguit Lumber Co., in liquidation. Mr. M. G. Teed, K.C., asked that costs of mortgages be taxed and added to their claim. After consideration, court was not disposed to make any order as to costs.

George F. Gregory vs. James H. Crockett. Mr. J. J. F. Winslow moved for a rule calling upon the defendant to show cause why the judgment in this case should not be revived in the name of the executors of the said George F. Gregory, and why a suggestion of the death should not be entered on the records, and why the executors should not have leave to execute on the said judgment. A rule nisi returnable at the November sittings was granted.

JUDGMENTS.

Judgments were given as follows: The King vs. James Kay, stipendiary magistrate, ex parte Barney Dolan. Judge Barry read a judgment of the court to discharge order nisi to quash. The order nisi to quash was discharged. The King vs. The Same, ex parte

Fred LeBlanc. Judge White read the judgment of the court to make the order absolute. A rule absolute to quash was made.

Ex parte Thomas F. Dixon. Chief Justice Barker read judgment of the court. A rule absolute for a mandamus was ordered to issue to the Commissioner of Sewers for the Parish of Hopewell to assess certain marsh lands within their jurisdiction under the provisions of Chap. 159 of the Consolidated Statutes of 1903 for the raising of moneys to pay Thos. F. Dixon and other applicants for work done on the said marsh lands for the commissioners.

Government Railways Managing Board (defendant) appellant, and Williams (plaintiff) respondent. Judge White read judgment. Judge McKeown read judgment of the court dismissing the appeal with costs.

Saleses, appellant, and Harrison, respondent. Judge Barry read judgment of court appeal being dismissed with cost.

Eythurst Lumber Co. vs. Nepisiguit Lumber Co. Chief Justice Barker declared the judgment of the court that no lein exists and that the appeal be dismissed with costs. Judge McLeod taking no part.

Good et al vs. Nepisiguit Lumber Co. Judge Barry read judgment allowing appeal with costs. Judge McKeown agreed with Judge Barry. Chief Justice Barker read judgment order to set aside as to non-creditors with costs. Judge Landry and Judge White agreeing.

RESULTS OF POLLING TO BE DECLARED MONDAY

Returning Officers to Hold Court at Eleven O'clock--Spoiled Ballots Reported at Sheffield

Mr. A. A. Sterling, returning officer for York in the Dominion elections held on Thursday last will hold court at the County Court House Monday morning for the purpose of declaring the result of the poll. Court will be held at 11 o'clock. The candidates and their agents will probably be present at that hour.

IN QUEENS-SUNBURY

In Queens-Sunbury the election has been very close but it is now conceded by Col. McLean's opponents that he has a majority the latest estimate by the Conservatives placing it at 11.

SPOILED BALLOTS

A report comes from Sheffield to the effect that twelve or fourteen ballots cast for Luther B. Smith, the Conservative candidate were spoiled by improper marking, but in spite of the fact were accepted and counted by the deputy returning officer. It is claimed that when the ballots are recounted the number spoiled by having crosses marked upon them in improper places will have to be rejected.

ANOTHER TRICK

Conservative heeleders worked another trick at a poll very near Fredericton. Voters who had been given money but concerning whom doubt was felt were told to state to the deputy returning officer that they could not read and under the provisions of the Election Act agents were allowed to accompany them to the voting booth and the Conservative agent was able to tell if the "goods" had been properly delivered.

TORY CORRUPTION IN QUEENS-SUNBURY

St. John, Sept. 23.—Col. McLean, M. P. in an interview here this morning had something to say concerning the charges of wrong doing made by the Standard in connection with the election in Queens-Sunbury. He says that the Tories are making a cry about corruption merely to cover up their own disgraceful actions. He knows for a certainty that they had a Queens-Sunbury campaign fund amounting to \$25,000 which was used to defeat him. They resorted to the most barefaced attempts at bribery and illegal practices of the grossest kind were the order of the day. He had advices from one poll that fourteen Smith ballots were marked so that they could afterwards be identified. This device was also practised at other polls. In many cases the Tories paid as high as \$25 for a vote at Blissville where Mr. Smith stood the Tories had an abundant supply of liquor and used it to good effect. The Colonel expressed a willingness in joining hands with Mr. Hazen for an investigation.

The Times in an editorial says: Mr. Borden's victory is far more than the victory of a party or a cry. It is an assertion by the Canadian people of an established faith, which they and we, their kindred mean never to depart from.

ENGLISH PRESS COMMENT ON ELECTION

London, Sept. 23.—The Daily Mail and some of the other newspapers attribute the unexpected reaction to the fact that the Canadian people were alarmed by the indiscreet utterances of American statesmen and newspapers about annexation. The Daily Mail declares that Canada has rendered an incomparable service to the empire and given the British people assistance at once in an hour of internal strife and depression.

The Morning Post says: Canada has risen nobly to a great occasion. There is serious danger ahead of her in the fact that the redistribution is likely to assist the reciprocity movement. It is possible that Mr. Borden may avert the danger by accompanying redistribution with a strong program designed to encourage the economic development of the prairie provinces.

The Morning Post further points out that one effect of the election has been to place Ambassador Bryce in a delicate position. The Liberal newspapers express regret at Premier Laurier's defeat, but decline to believe it can have any serious effect on British politics. They are especially concerned whether Sir Wilfrid will retire from politics or remain in parliament to educate his party in the direction of reciprocity and free trade.

The Daily Chronicle thinks it not unlikely that a result of the elections will be ultimately a movement on the part of both Canada and the United States toward lowering their tariffs. The weekly Liberal organ, The Economist, also believes the rebuff will assist the movement in favor of lowering the tariff of the United States and expresses its sympathy for President Taft, who is now left to face the electors with a single achievement to his credit.

JUDGE AND CHIEF IN WAR OF WORDS

(Special to The Mail.) St. John, Sept. 23.—In the police court here this morning there was a lively tilt between Magistrate Ritchie and Chief of Police Clark, and the latter was threatened with imprisonment for contempt. It seems that there was a mistake in the police report sent into court and the Judge sent it back to the police station for correction. It was returned to court by Chief Clark, who said that if there was any errors he (the judge) could correct them himself. The judge told the chief that he had no right to be present interfering with the business of the court, and further told him that he had no more rights than an ordinary spectator. The judge demanded an apology from Chief Clark and offered him the alternative of going to jail. "I won't apologize" replied the chief. "Then You can go to jail" was the reply. Just as the judge was ordering an officer to take the chief into custody the latter ended the dispute by leaving the court. "A nice example to be setting for your men" remarked the judge as a parting shot.

RECOUNT OF VOTES IN ST. JOHN TODAY

(Special to The Mail) St. John, Sept. 22.—The recount of the votes in the St. John elections is going on here today with all of the candidates present. Up to now one error had been discovered in the Lansdowne ward and the deputy returning officer has been summoned to appear in court this afternoon.

THE OPEN DOOR FOR CANADA

Reciprocity Pact Is Likely to Remain on U. S. Statute Books

The Annexation Bogey Caused Canada to Reject Golden Opportunity Says Boston Paper

Washington, D.C., Sept. 22.—No official declaration is expected at the state department regarding the demise of the reciprocity movement, on the ground that the Canadian government naturally supposes that the United States government is familiar with the terms of the agreement, especially the condition that the proposed new and reduced duties shall not be effective until after Canadian ratification. The single exception was the wood pulp and paper schedule, which, by special provision, went into operation immediately upon the approval of the act and is now beyond recall unless congress should see fit to repeal the entire reciprocity act.

The opinion expressed at the state department was that no effort would be made to repeal the reciprocity act, and although the duties therein provided will not become effective, the act itself will be permitted to remain on the statute books, constituting an ever-open door to Canada, and a constant reminder of the recognition by the United States of the merits of the principle of reciprocity with its northern neighbor.

It was suggested today that the only chance for the continuance of reciprocity as an open issue might be found in an attempt by Newfoundland to secure such a treaty of agreement with the United States.

It has been known that the Newfoundlanders were only waiting the disposition of the pact between the United States and Canada to open negotiations with Washington for a reciprocity agreement on their own account, and state department officials say it has been difficult to keep them from pressing the matter while the Canadian agreement was pending.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 21.—In commenting upon the defeat of reciprocity in Canada, Congressman W. McCall, who introduced the original reciprocity bill in congress, said today:

"With the great railroads, the manufacturers and the commercial and financial classes and powerful interests on this side of the border opposing reciprocity, and with the help of Mr. Rudyard Kipling, and his warning that an increase of commerce would increase crime, it is not strange that Canada retained possession of her 'soul.'"

"The puerile annexation bogey appears to have led her to reject as golden an opportunity as she had or is ever likely to have."

LAURIER WELCOMED AT THE CAPITAL

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was welcomed home like a victor tonight. To many of his townsmen he is still their hero, for 2,000 remained out of their beds and went to an outskirt depot to welcome at midnight the man who on Thursday was beaten at the polls.

Before the train arrived Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux and Hon. Charles Murphy, who were on hand here, were enthusiastically cheered as was Emanuel Devlin, the successful candidate in Wright.

When the train backed in Sir Wilfrid's appearance was the signal for cheering, which lasted five minutes. Sir Wilfrid looked as jaunty as a winner and as alert as ever. He drove to his home in his auto followed by the cheers of the crowd.

Corsicana, Texas, Sept. 23.—Life-long friends of the Roger Q. Mills will unite in paying tribute to the memory of their distinguished fellow townsman at memorial exercises to be held in the public library in this city tomorrow afternoon. The Navarro County Bar Association has charge of the arrangements for the memorial meeting and has secured a number of prominent speakers.

WILL HAVE 51 MAJORITY

Later Returns of the Election Slightly Increase Borden's Majority

Liberals Take Nine Seats in Saskatchewan and Five in Alberta--Col. Talbot Defeated

Montreal, Sept. 23.—Nova Scotia government, 10, opposition 8, net government gain, 0, net opposition gain 2.

Prince Edward Island government, 2, opposition 2, net government gain 0, net opposition gain 1.

New Brunswick government 8, opposition 5, net opposition gain 3.

Quebec government 36, opposition, 27 net government gain 0, net opposition gain 15.

Ontario, government 13, opposition, 72, net government gain 0, net opposition gain 23.

Manitoba government 0, opposition 10, net government gain 0, net opposition gain 2.

Saskatchewan government 9, opposition 1, net opposition gain 0.

Alberta government 5, opposition 2, net government gain 1, net opposition gain 0.

British Columbia government 0, opposition 7, net government gain 0, net opposition gain 2.

Totals Government 83, Opposition 134. Net Opposition gain 48.

Opposition majority 51. Late returns make some changes in election figures. In Quebec Davidson, Con, is now stated to have won by three of a majority.

The official declaration will be made on Tuesday.

In Bellchase, Lavallee, Con., defeated Col. Talbot by 28.

In Ontario it appears as if Smythe Con., would be elected for East Algoma.

Further returns make it appear that the Conservatives have not won either Qu'Appelle or Saskatoon in Saskatchewan.

These losses are, however, equalized by the gain of the two remaining seats in Manitoba making the representation from the province a solid one of ten members. British Columbia also goes solidly Conservative.

Delayed returns from Comox-Atlin concede the constituency to the Conservatives.

There are now four delayed elections: Gaspé and Chicoutimi-Saguenay in this province; Thunder Bay and Rainy River in Ontario and the Yukon. In the Ontario constituency, Mr. Commee, the Liberal candidate is stated to be willing to let the seat go to Mr. J. J. Carrick, the Conservative by default.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 23.—An interesting feature of the vote in Toronto, is that every Liberal candidate lost his deposit with one exception. In managed to pull out ahead of the re-Centre Toronto, Alf Maguire just quired number and at that he was beaten by 2124 votes.

Sudbury, Ont., Sept. 23.—The French ward of Sudbury which in 1908, gave Gordon conservative, fourteen majority, yesterday gave his liberal opponent fifty five majority. The change is attributed by the liberals to Mr. Gordon's action in bringing Bourassa here to speak.

Welland, Ont., Sept. 23.—A Globe reporter interviewed Wm. German, yesterday, regarding the report that Mr. German had wired offering his seat if Mr. Borden were defeated. Upon being shown the report Mr. German evinced considerable astonishment and indignation and said:

"There is not the slightest particle of truth in the statement. It is made out of whole cloth. I made no such offer, nor contemplate making it. You can deny the statement as emphatically as possible. I cannot imagine what started such a false report."

BORDEN AND McLEAN WON IN HALIFAX

Halifax, Sept. 22.—Full returns from this constituency confirm the election of R. L. Borden, Conservative and Hon. A. K. McLean, Liberal. The vote stood: Borden, 7249; McLean, 7083; Blackadder, 7023; Crosby, 6985.

Mrs. Black of Boston is visiting her sisters the Misses Thorne.