

SIR WILFRID ADDRESSES LARGE AUDIENCE

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Despite five weeks of steady and strenuous campaigning, Sir Wilfrid Laurier today, with apparently unimpaired vigor, addressed three meetings in three different constituencies, his audiences aggregating fully 25,000 people.

At Rockland this afternoon he spoke to 8,000 electors of the counties of Russell, Prescott and Labelle. Returning to Ottawa at eight o'clock this evening, he spoke to one of the largest crowds ever gathered at any public meeting in the capital.

At nine-thirty he wound up the day by going across to Hull, where he addressed a gathering of 9,000 of the electors of Wright county.

At every place he was received with the same remarkable enthusiasm and popular acclaim which have marked his whole unparalleled series of splendid meetings of this campaign.

Tomorrow he will address four meetings in the province of Quebec, and on Wednesday comes his final meeting. Then on Thursday comes the reward of his labors.

"VICTORY IN THE AIR."

"There is a swing of victory in the air," he concluded tonight. "That swing is unmistakably for the principles of good government and fiscal freedom and fair play to all for which the Liberal party stands in this contest."

The most striking feature of his three addresses today was his frank and clear-cut warning to the blindly selfish manufacturers of Canada who, though not fearing for themselves any direct injury from the Reciprocity agreement, are still fighting it bitterly lest it might lead to some future profanation of their sacred citadel of protection.

Speaking at the Ottawa meeting tonight, he took as his principal theme the anti-Reciprocity appeals made in the local Conservative papers today by J. R. Booth and President Rowley, of the Canadian Manufacturers Association. He noted that neither Mr. Booth nor Mr. Rowley nor any other Canadian manufacturer was injuriously affected by any of the proposals of the agreement for freer trade in natural products. Yet they stood stubbornly by class privilege against any attempt at relief to the farmers or the great consuming classes.

WARNING TO MANUFACTURERS.

"I speak in no spirit of menace or threat," he said. "But I must say plainly to these short-sighted manufacturers that they need not be surprised if they find later that they have prepared a rod for their own backs."

"If they seek to prevent the farm-

ers, who can benefit but little or not at all from protection, from selling their goods in the best market, they must not wonder if the farmers vigorously resent that attitude, and if the present just relief be not granted, and if, as a result of the election, the government should be defeated, then, ranking under a sense of injustice, the masses of Canada, as apposed to the classes, may demand a wholesale tariff lowering that cannot be withstood.

"I may remind these manufacturers that there are more farmers in Canada than manufacturers, and more rural constituencies than urban constituencies.

"If this appeal to selfishness should prevail, then those responsible for it must be prepared to take the result. I am speaking as a friend not as an enemy, of the manufacturers. Our policy with regard to the manufacturers will be the same as it has always been. We are prepared to deal justly and sanely with all classes."

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(Canadian Press.)

Guelph, Ont., Sept. 16.—On Thursday morning Severine Tournier, aged 20, was found in bed with a shotgun having a leather thong attached to the trigger. He had fired twice, but the shots lodged in the wall.

Mr. James Carruthers of Montreal, who offered to wager \$5000 on the defeat of the Laurier government, has found a taker in Mr. M. J. Haney of Toronto. Mr. Haney has deposited a cheque with the Toronto Globe.

ANOTHER CONSERVATIVE IS FOR RECIPROCITY

To the Editor of The Toronto Globe: I have always been a Conservative, and was a strong supporter and friend of Sir John A. Macdonald Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Leonard Tilley and had a sub-contract for building part of the C.P.R.; also part of the Intercolonial Railway, the Grouville, Westport & Sault Ste. Marie Railway and many other contracts in Canada. I went from Manitoba to St. John, N.B., to work for Sir Leonard Tilley when he was elected because he was a warm friend of reciprocity and cheap food. I helped the Tory party in many elections have always voted Conservative, and know that the people of both Quebec and New Brunswick all pray for reciprocity I consider Sir John A. Macdonald the greatest leader our party produced, and think he was right in advocating reciprocity with the United States. To tax unnecessarily the food of the working man is a crime. There should be no tax on anything a man eats, and on September 21 I shall vote for reciprocity with as much satisfaction as in the Provincial elections I voted for J. J. Foy

UPWARD FAYS.

Mr. John Herron, who has represented MacLeod, Alta., in the Dominion Parliament and is again the Conservative nominee for the constituency, writes to The Grain-grower's Guide, declaring his belief and support of the pending measure of tariff relief. He says:

"When the question of reciprocity first arose I received such a large number of requests from Farmers' Associations, as well as from prominent electors in the district that I considered that a large proportion of the electors in MacLeod district were in favor of reciprocity. Having been elected to represent the people I felt it my duty to support reciprocity. I am still in favor of reciprocity and if returned to the House of Commons on the 21st of September will cast my vote in favor of the measure. I have always been in favor of freer trade and reduction of tariff; in fact in the House of Commons I have spoken in favor of total abolition of the duty on farm implements.

London, Sept. 18.—Sir Max Aitken speaking at Manchester said that many reports were circulated about him now that he had the honor of representing the Lancashire constituency. He first denied that he had cornered cotton and thereby interfered with Liverpool cotton workers and characterized as a lie the story that he had bought shares in the Canadian Cement Co. for 17 million dollars and sold them at a profit of fourteen million dollars.

SirMax concluded by saying he would not touch a penny of the money paid as salary by the government.

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CANNOT STAND FOR THE UNHOLY ALLIANCE

To the Editor of The Toronto Globe: I am a Protestant minister, a Canadian out and out, as loyal to the old flag as any of my fellow-countrymen, and feel profoundly interested in the question now under discussion throughout the Dominion. Having carefully followed up the discussion, as reported, having examined closely the proposals contained in the agreement, having observed some of the features of the struggle now on, especially that of the distasteful and disreputable agitation of which Mr. Bourassa is the leader, and having familiarized my mind with the representations and misrepresentations in many of the daily papers, I have fully decided what I shall do on the morning of September 21, 1911.

I shall vote for Laurier, for the Liberal government and for Reciprocity. I shall vote to stamp out Bourassianism forever. It looks like treason; it is disloyalty in the extreme; it is deserving of being treated with scorn and scorching denunciation by every decent citizen of this country. I would feel that I was running a sword through the Union Jack were I to cast a vote that would even indirectly countenance Bourassianism. I am amazed at the Borden alliance with Bourassa. I am astounded at the attitude of The News, The Telegram, The Mail and Empire, and especially The Sentinel. Alas for the drum-beating, ending in Bourassa swinging the baton, and directing the time and tune of these distinguished loyalists.

Sir, the victory for Laurier and Liberalism, and quiet, dignified and genuine loyalty must come. It cannot be that Canada will stand for Bourassianism, bolstered and backed up as it evidently is by Messrs. Borden, Sifton and some of the leading Conservative press. Give us Laurier for premier. His hands are free from an unholy alliance with Bourassa. He prefers defeat to victory, if to win would mean an obligation to an apostle of political tenets as Bourassianism embraces in its creed. Honorable victory he deserves, and that the country will give him.

As for Reciprocity, as the son of a farmer, I predict that the good sense of the farmers of this Dominion will not allow them to vote against it. Why should they? It must be to their advantage to sell their surplus products in a market such as the United States will offer, free of tariff duty. Trust the farmer. He has good horse sense. He will see this opportunity for greater gains, an opportunity slow in coming, but now that it has come, he will surely embrace it.

When the agitation first arose I felt but an ordinary interest, as it seemed to me to be a simple economic question which parliament could easily settle; but the form now taken, involving as it does, the taking off of the hats of the leaders of the Conservative party to Bourassianism that stirs my blood and on the 21st I shall hasten to the polls and vote for Laurier.

An Independent Voter.
Toronto, Sept. 14.

Tory barnstormers have been going about the counties of York and Sunbury insulting the farmers by telling them that they cannot grow hay fit for the American market. Read the letter in another column on the subject from Mr. W. B. Fawcett of Sackville. Mr. Fawcett knows what he is talking about.

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