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A MATTER OF DIGNITY

It does not seem to us that the dignity of the Canadian press has gained much by the tactics of those papers which have seized upon the home-coming of Sir Wilfrid as the occasion for bitter attacks upon him as a politician and as a man. Certain newspapers which are opposed to Sir Wilfrid politically have successfully maintained the dignity of the press of our country by rising above party and extending a cordial welcome to the man who was the official representative of the Dominion at the recent magnificent ceremonies in the Mother Land. Many of the Conservative journals, however, have seen fit to welcome the premier with columns of abuse; with sneering references; with insinuations against his loyalty to the British crown. Surely, such a course adds nothing to the dignity of our press.

The Mail does not expect Conservative party papers to indulge in very great praise of the Federal premier. Our methods of political warfare in the Dominion do not, unfortunately, leave much room for independence on the part of papers which have espoused the cause of Liberals or Conservatives. But, surely, the man who represented the Dominion at the crowning of our King and at the gathering of the popular leaders of the several parts of the Empire should be welcomed home with something more than sneers and nasty innuendoes.

This paper does not always agree with the editorial opinions of the Montreal Star. In fact, we usually disagree with it in so far as matters political are concerned at least. But this must be said for the big Montreal paper: It may be relied upon to recognize ability and capacity and realize that there are times when party feelings are rightly to be subordinated to more worthy sentiments. In referring to the return of Sir Wilfrid the Star said editorially: "Sir Wilfrid is always a figure of which the nation can be proud. Whether his fellow countrymen agree with his politics or oppose them they feel that in the premier they have a representative man who will do us credit in any company and command attention at any gathering. There are occasions upon which the Prime Minister is more than a party leader, and this is one of them. He becomes the official representative of all Canada. We forget party and public questions in acclaiming the First Canadian. Personally," the Star says, moreover, "Sir Wilfrid Laurier is an ideal personage for this position."

The snarling, petty papers who see in party their be-all and end-all and can never rise above mean party warfare have their condemnation in these dignified words of the Montreal Star, a paper which today is one of the most active opponents of Liberal policy. It is earnestly to be hoped that Liberal newspapers will never merit similar condemnation. Whether the Canadian premier be a Liberal or a Conservative he will always be worthy of courteous treatment from the press of his opponents or less than from the newspapers of his political friends.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier says that he awarded the Fenian raid medal but did not deserve it as he arrived on the scene after the fighting was over. In so far as his frankness goes Sir Wilfrid as a war veteran appears to be in a class by himself.

If the first sod of the Valley Railway is not turned this year, the blame will be placed where it belongs at the door of the Hazen government.

A prominent Stanley Tory attended the recent political meeting at Cross Creek and listened attentively to the speeches of Crockett and McLeod. Afterwards in discussing the matter with some friends he was heard to say: "It seemed to me that they (Crockett and McLeod) labored a great deal more than they usually do. They certainly did not tell the whole story. I know something about lumbering and I know something about the natural products of New Brunswick and all I can say is that the sentiments they expressed are not in accordance with my views."

It is almost time that the Hon. J. Kidd Flemming, acting premier was getting that contract signed for the construction of the Valley Railway.

The discussion of the reciprocity agreement was resumed in the Canadian Parliament yesterday in the face of Opposition obstruction.

CROP OUTLOOK
IN THE WEST
IS FAVORABLE

(Canadian Press.)

Winnipeg, Man., July 19.—Crop prospects in Western Canada today could hardly be more favorable. Some apprehension was felt on account of rumors of frost in certain localities. In order to obtain reliable information, one thousand correspondents in the three prairie provinces were wired last night asking if the cool weather was having detrimental effect on the crops. Replies are of the most reassuring character, showing that while light frosts have been experienced in a few localities they have not affected the crop in the slightest degree. Of the replies received 81 per cent. reported no frost and no apprehension of it, and the 19 per cent. reporting frost did not indicate any injury to wheat from this source. Injury from hail has been inconsiderable. On the whole the correspondence reports that the farmers are inclined to look on the cold wave as beneficial.

GLOUCESTER FISHERMEN
TOOK TO THE WOODS

St. John's, Nfld., July 19.—Sixteen members of the crew of the Gloucester fishing schooner Arethusa who fled into the woods when they were surprised in the act of taking bait in the vicinity of Cape Race in alleged violation of the law, surrendered to the police yesterday.

ACCIDENT UNDERWRITERS MEET

Portsmouth, N.H., July 18.—Representatives of nearly all the important accident insurance companies of the United States and Canada were in attendance here today, when the twenty-fourth annual convention of the International Association of Accident Underwriters opened its four days' session at the Hotel Wentworth. There are 236 accident insurance companies in the United States and Canada and ninety per cent. of the business written by them is represented at this gathering. Several noted men are scheduled to address the convention.

MAGAZINE POSTAGE TO BE PROBED

New York, July 18.—The special commission authorized to look into and report on the merits of the magazine postage controversy met here today under the Presidency of Justice Hughes, the chairman of the commission. Today's session was devoted to preliminaries and to the extensive hearings will be held, and consideration of some plan of action. Extensive hearings will be held, and it is expected that many prominent railroad officials will be asked to testify.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO TOM JOHNSON

New York, July 18.—The grave of Tom L. Johnson, former mayor of Cleveland, in Greenwood cemetery Brooklyn, was decorated with flowers today by a party of his former friends and associates, who had made the pilgrimage from Cleveland to New York, for the sole purpose of placing tokens of their friendship and devotion upon Mr. Johnson's grave on the anniversary of his birth, July 16th.

Jesus and the Apostles and Prophets alone are to be considered the guides and standard-bearers for the Church. We are to believe on Him through their word, and not through the word of Councils or Synods or Presbyteries. — PASTOR RUSSELL

Miss Burnside of Boston is visiting relatives in the city.

TORIES ALREADY SHOWING
THE WHITE FEATHER

(Halifax Chronicle)

As has been expected the Opposition are already beginning to show that they do not relish the idea of a general election. For months they have been clamoring for an opportunity to "consult the people" on the reciprocity agreement but the moment it became evident that the Government was ready to take them at their word and make an appeal to the people, they changed their tune. Now they are vigorously protesting against the Government's "hurrying on an election to secure a snap verdict." And they are trying to maintain that the Government will be guilty of a great wrong if it does not give the people "a chance to hear and appreciate a full discussion of the question."

In other words they are showing the white feather. Their brave boasting about their eagerness for an election was a mere sham. They are professing now a new found anxiety for the passage of a Redistribution Bill. Well if they are sincere in their new profession, they will presently have the opportunity to show their sincerity.

Throughout Mr. Borden's tour of the West, he and his fellow spellbinders have been threatening to hold up the business of Parliament and to force an appeal to the people. One of his speakers went so far as to say that the Opposition should not allow a dollar of supply to be voted so that the question of reciprocity could be forced before the people. All that they have to do if they want to play the game fairly and squarely is

to refrain from obstructive tactics, and allow the business which is before Parliament to be transacted in a proper and orderly manner.

The trouble is that the Opposition are between the devil and the deep sea. They have discovered that the more reciprocity is discussed the more popular it becomes. They are realizing now that the crusade against it is proving abortive and yet they know that if they do not continue their fight against it the "human devices" upon which they are relying for the conduct of their election campaign will not be forthcoming from the "interests." In fact there is already a well-warranted fear that the manufacturers will not respond as generously as was anticipated. But above all, they are afraid and with a good deal of warrant—to trust their fate to the judgment of the people. Hence their present petulant and bitter complaint that the Government is going to "hurry an election on the country to secure a snap verdict."

One would imagine that the Opposition would rejoice over the prospect of securing what they have been clamoring for all these months. But the present Opposition are not distinguished for their courage, and they are showing now as they have shown in times past that the very last thing they want is often what they say they are anxious to get. In this case they have at last recognized what was evident to all impartial observers from the outset, that they are pursuing a forlorn hope. The country wants reciprocity and it is going to get it.

RESTORATION OF CATHEDRAL
WAS DECIDED UPON

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that he knew of no further explanation with regard to the water pressure at the time of the fire that could be made. If an investigation under oath was desired he would be pleased to do his utmost to have such held.
"At 12.20 the morning of the fire," said Ald. Farrell, "Engineer Malloy at the Pumping Station received a telephone message from Chief Rutter that all possible pressure was needed. Five minutes later the pressure had risen from 40 to 70 pounds. Fifteen minutes later it was between 80 and 90 pounds. It remained at that point until 3.30 a. m. when the head was blown out of a main at the corner of York and King streets, and the pressure dropped to 75 pounds where it remained until 7.30."

LABOR LEADER C. R. EDWIT FRIED

Boston, Mass., July 19.—Robert P. Neil, president of the International Brotherhood of Railway Employees, and well known in labor circles throughout this country and Canada, was given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Hayes today on a charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud. It is alleged that some months ago Neil issued circulars, soliciting advertising for a magazine, the proceeds of which were to be used for death and sick benefits for railroad men, and that the funds received were diverted to Neil's own uses.

TAWNEY—DAY WEDDING

Missoula, Mont., July 19.—A wedding of note here today was that of Miss Constance Marie Day, daughter of Frank A. Day, and Everett F. Tawney, son of ex-Congressman Jas. A. Tawney of Minnesota. Mr. Day, the father of the bride, was formerly prominent in public life in Minnesota and it is an interesting fact that he and Congressman Tawney, father of the bridegroom, were for many years bitterly opposed to one another in politics.

Herold Walker of the Royal Bank staff, Port Morien, C. B., is spending his vacation with his parents, Ex-Ald. and Mrs. Joseph Walker.

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MEDICAL SOCIETY
ELECTS OFFICERS

St. John, July 19.—The New Brunswick Medical Society held its second session of the annual meeting yesterday afternoon at 2.30, when officers for the year were elected and several papers read and discussed by the society.

An interesting paper on The Non-Union of Fractures, was read by Dr. J. F. Thompson. Dr. A. B. Atherton of Fredericton, read a paper on Cancer of Colon.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of Dr. C. T. Purdy, of Moncton, as president of the society for the year 1911. The other officers are:

Dr. H. J. Crawford, St. John, 1st vice president.
Dr. G. C. Vanwart, Fredericton, 2nd vice president.
W. Gray, corresponding secretary.
Dr. J. S. Bentley, secretary.
Dr. D. E. Berryman, treasurer.

The members of the council—Dr. Murray MacLaren, Dr. A. B. Atherton, Dr. J. D. Lawson, St. Stephen; Dr. A. F. Emery and Dr. G. G. Corbett.

Following the session the members of the society drove in automobiles to Loch Lomond, where a pleasant time was enjoyed. Though the weather was unsettled the party had an enjoyable outing. At the Ben Lomond House dinner was served and the party returned to the city about ten o'clock.

At nine o'clock this morning the society will meet, when considerable business will be dealt with. A number of papers are to be read at the meeting. Reports of the committee on the president's address, that of the committee on affiliation with the Canadian Medical Society will be made. The registrar will also submit the annual report of the Council of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick.

MANITOBA ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Winnipeg, Man., July 18.—Many athletes of reputation assembled at the Canadian Industrial Exposition today for the preliminary events in the Manitoba track and field championships, which are to be contested under the auspices of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union. The meet will continue over tomorrow.

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