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A CAMPAIGN OF NASTINESS

In one of those nasty little paragraphs which so frequently mar the editorial page of the St. Stephen's Courier it was stated last week that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had well represented the Province of Quebec at the recent coronation and Imperial Conference functions in London. The purpose of the paragraph is quite evident. It is intended, of course, to insinuate that Sir Wilfrid expressed the sentiments of French Canadians and that whose sentiments were not such as would be commended by the people of the Dominion generally. The Courier is owned by Hon. Mr. Clarke, speaker of the New Brunswick Legislature, but The Mail would be loath to believe that the paragraph in question was printed with his knowledge.

Certainly such an insinuation as is contained in the paragraph comes with poor grace from a paper which supports the party which is so closely allied with the Nationalists of Quebec. The Nationalist party is that body of men who have opposed the establishment of a navy designed to aid the mother Country and have taken the ground that it is not the duty of Canada to assist the Empire in bearing its military and naval burdens. It includes men who have preached in Quebec the doctrine that Canada owes nothing to Britain and have even gone so far as to declare that Canadians in times past found it necessary to shoot holes in the British flag that they might secure liberty. It includes men who for a purpose have charged the British with firing on French Canadian churches. And in all these assertions the Nationalists have pandered to racial and religious feeling though in so doing they have been working injury to the Canadian confederacy and thus to the Empire.

Mr. Monk, one of Mr. Borden's first lieutenants, has been a prominent promulgator of Nationalist doctrines. He and Mr. Bourassa and other well-known men were in the forefront of the fight in favor of the Nationalist candidate in the late by-election in Drummond-Arthabaska when the question as to whether or not Canada should establish a navy to help the Mother Land was made the chief issue. Other supporters of the Conservative chieftain were also prominent in that contest. In its issues of some months ago The Mail printed quotations from the speeches of a number of these opponents of the Laurier administration, quotations which showed clearly the opposition of many of these gentlemen to any schemes designed to strengthen the ties between Canada and Britain. Readers of this paper will recall some of those utterances.

Yet, in spite of the Conservative-Nationalist alliance, Conservative papers in some quarters seek to lessen English confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier by insinuations such as that which graced the columns of the Courier. What are the facts of this case concerning Sir Wilfrid's recent utterances in London? The facts are that on every possible occasion the Liberal leader has emphasized Canada's determination to further the cause of the great Empire. "In all matters," he said before the Constitutional Club in London, "and all occasions Canada will be prepared to do its whole duty by old England." He declared, when touching on the question of reciprocity, that the Dominion has nailed the flag of preference to the mast-head and there it will remain. The first great purpose of Canada in trade matters, he said, is preference for the Mother Country, all other purposes being kept subordinate.

Again and again The Mail has pointed out the gross unfairness of many of the attacks which are made upon the Liberal party by unscrupulous Conservative papers in places where the population is exclusively English. Again and again this journal has drawn attention to the more serious point to be noticed in connection with these attacks—the danger of creating racial feeling in the Dominion for partisan political purposes though all know that the creation of racial can have but one result, to jeopardize the future of the Dominion as a country in which all peoples may work together for the common purpose of upbuilding of the Empire and the country in which we make our homes. Apparently however, many of these Conservative papers are to continue their campaign of sneering at the loyalty of the Liberal chieftain and those of his associates who happen to be of French origin. Apparently, they are to continue their fire-brand campaign placing possible party advantage above the great consideration of the development of a nation in which men of different nationalities will live side by side in mutual trust and respect and will labor together for the advancement of their common country. But the Mail had expected better things of the paper owned by the speaker of our provincial Legislature, a man whom this paper has always regarded as being a politician of ideals. Until we know to the contrary we will continue to hold to our present opinion that the Courier's most objectionable paragraph was written and printed without the knowledge of Hon. Mr. Clarke.

The report of Solicitor General McLeod's speech at Cross Creek occupied just five inches of space in the local Tory organ, while Mr. Crockett's harangue on reciprocity occupied six columns. Considering the fact that Mr. McLeod, according to reports from a reliable source, made the speech of the evening, he certainly has reason to complain of the discrimination shown by his newspaper organ.

The local Tory organ insinuates that Hon. Mr. Fielding was responsible for the wrecking of the Farmer's Bank. A great many people are under the impression that Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, a prominent Tory politician of Toronto, now a fugitive from justice, played quite an important part in the game.

Messrs. Pinder and Young, M.P.P.'s were advertised to speak at a Tory gathering at Cross Creek on Friday evening. They did not put in an appearance but our old friend Dr. Mullin of St. Mary's, was on hand and filled in the gap.

The unprecedented hot weather and the atmospheric disturbances of the past week had no connection, so far as we can learn, with Mr. O. S. Crockett's anti-reciprocity barnstorming campaign.

Our old friend, Mr. Pinder did not attend the political pow-wow at Cross Creek. Probably he is too busy manufacturing laths and shipping them to the United States to bother with an affair of that kind.

CASTRO HAS LANDED AT VENEZUELA

Willenstad, Curacao, July 8.—The Venezuelan government has positive news that Ciroprano Castro, the exiled president of Venezuela effected a landing on the western part of Venezuela and today has a following of one thousand men.

London, July 8.—While there has been a gradual improvement in the outlook for cessation of the shipping strike, there were no fresh developments this morning, except a provisional settlement, subject to the approval of the strikers, between the dockers and the employers of the Manchester Ship Canal.

The conference that has been in progress for several days at Manchester between the board of trade and representatives of the strikers has not yet resulted in an agreement. Two thousand strikers' wives, with the children clinging to their skirts, paraded through Manchester and Salford yesterday, making a collection from the charitable public. They presented a pitiable spectacle.

In Glasgow Harbor, for the first time in three weeks, work was in full swing yesterday.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER
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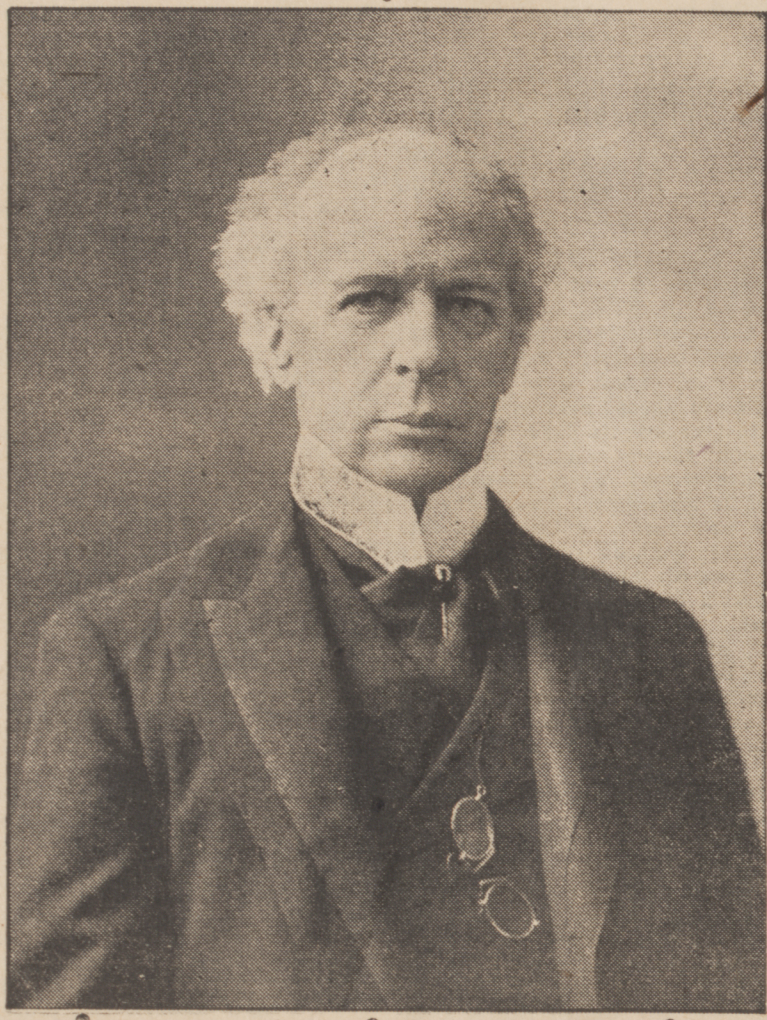
Quebec, July 9.—As the stately ocean liner Empress of Britain swung into her dock this evening, the band of the coronation contingent played O Canada, and the large crowd of people which had assembled on the dock sent up three hearty cheers of welcome to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the soldier boys of the Dominion who have been representing Canada at the crowning of King George. The cheers were answered with a will by the bronzed boys who swarmed all over the forward decks. They looked perfect pictures of physical manhood and seemed to be delighted to be once more in Canada, even though their experiences on the other side have been the most notable and where they have been almost overloaded with kindness and honors.

The coronation contingent was dismissed on board the ship and the men at once proceeded to the various trains which are to convey them to their homes in all parts of the country. The men all appeared to be in a cheerful condition, and seemed to have enjoyed their trip thoroughly. They had lots of work to do, but they also had lots of pleasure and were well treated by the people on the other side.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a guest at the Chateau Frontenac, where he was joined by Lady Laurier.

TROOPS AT MONCTON.

Moncton, July 9.—A special of twelve cars with the coronation troops, who arrived on the Empress of Britain at ten-thirty this morn-



CHEERED AGAIN AND AGAIN.

There was a double interest in the arrival of the Empress for on board was also Canada's premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. L. P. Brodeur. The Liberal leader landed immediately after the ship had moored, and he was given a most enthusiastic reception and was cheered again and again. Sir Wilfrid was met by Sir Lomer Gouin, provincial premier; Mayor Drouin of Quebec, and other notables.

He was at once escorted to the carriage of Lieutenant Governor Langellier, and accompanied by Captain Victor Pelletier and Major A. Del Plant, A.D.C.'s to His Honor, and His Worship the Mayor, at once drove away. Sir Wilfrid will address a big meeting tomorrow, which promises to be an imposing event. The meeting will take place on the terrace, where a special stand has been erected and which is being handsomely decorated with lights and flags. An address will be presented on behalf of the city and another from the Liberal clubs of Quebec. Sir Wilfrid is looking in splendid form and his sunny smile was much in evidence as he acknowledged the greetings of his many admirers.

ing, arrived here about eleven o'clock this evening. About four hundred of the coronation contingent left River du Loup on a special, about two hundred for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island arriving here. The St. John and Island troops stopped over tonight, while the Nova Scotia men proceeded by a special. The troop train was in charge of Major Peakes of Charlottetown; Capt. W. A. McKee, Moncton; Lieut. McDonald, P. E. Island; Lieut. Pineo, Annapolis.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT INSPECTS BOY SCOUTS

Ottawa, Ont., July 7.—A cablegram received by Lt. Col. Sherwood last night says:

The Boy Scouts were today inspected at Rochampton by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia and Mr. Grenfell. The King's rally on Tuesday was a grand success, the scouts were subsequently entertained at Eton College and also at Windsor Castle.

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