

In his Speech at Sudbury, four days ago, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said: "If Ontario gives no more seats than in 1908, but it will give us more; if Quebec gives us as much as at the last Election, and she will do as well; if the Maritime Provinces do as well, and they will do Better; and the West, it will do Better, there's no Doubt; then Within Five Weeks from September 21 Parliament will be Called Together, the Conservatives will have to Submit and within Three Months Reciprocity will be in Operation."

WILL SWEEP COUNTRY FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN

An Estimate Based on Reliable Information from Every Province Gives the Government an Increased Majority--Ontario will do Better than in the Contest of Three Years ago--Tories are Losing Ground in the Maritime Provinces--No Hope for Borden

Ottawa, Sept. 15--From reliable reports received from every province in Canada the return of the government by an increased majority, can be predicted with absolute assurance. The only question is as to the size of the majority.

Well-informed Conservative politicians practically admit that Mr. Borden has no ghost of a chance of coming back with a majority behind him. Election bets of a government majority of at least thirty five at even money are going begging in the capital where the game of politics is played at close range.

No Conservative of prominence or astuteness can be found who will give fact or figures to justify a prediction of a Tory victory. Even the most optimistic opposition politician at their headquarters, here, will not venture an analysis of the situation by provinces that can be figured out to show sufficient gains for the straight Conservative candidates to wipe out the government's majority in the last parliament.

A SWEEPING VICTORY

On the other hand reports received from Liberal sources amply justify Sir Wilfrid Laurier's confident prediction that he never entered a fight with greater assurance of a sweeping victory.

This week detailed reports have been received here as to the outlook in practically every constituency in the dominion. A careful and conservative analysis of these reports indicates that the government can with reasonable assurance look for a majority of at least fifty-seven after polling day. In making the prediction considerably more doubtful constituencies have been thrown into the Conservative column than into the Liberal and a Liberal majority of seventy would not be at all surprising.

PROBABLE RESULT

According to the best and most reliable

information available, the result of polling should show something like the following result:

| | Lib. | Oppo. |
|----------------------|------|-------|
| Maritime Provinces | 27 | 8 |
| Quebec..... | 50 | 15 |
| Ontario..... | 40 | 46 |
| Western Canada..... | 22 | 13 |
| Totals..... | 139 | 82 |
| Liberal majority 57. | | |

This allows the Liberals a net gain of one seat in the Maritime Provinces, a prediction, which, according to the progress of the campaign, there, may very easily and probably will be bettered by the result.

In Quebec, it allows for a possible net gain of four seats by the Nationalist-Conservative combination, including the reciprocity opposition candidate, and taking into account the almost certain loss of at least two or three of the seats held by opposition members in the last house. The last week or so of the campaign in that province has indicated a steady waning of the Bourassa influence and Liberal leaders in Quebec assert that Laurier will hold his own in his native province.

WILL GAIN IN ONTARIO

In Ontario a canvass of the various constituencies shows far more Conservative seats than Liberal ones in danger. Reports received by the party organizers show that Liberal candidates throughout the province never went to the polls with a more united party front or with as many assurances of support from pro-reciprocity Conservative voters. A net Liberal gain of five seats in the province is a safe estimate.

In the west with reciprocity as the issue a net gain of only five seats is surely within the mark. It will probably be more but the above estimate as has been stated, is prepared with a view to erring if anything on the side of pessimism rather than of optimism.

READY TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE VALLEY RAILWAY

St. John Telegraph.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley, when asked yesterday if there were any further developments in regard to the St. John Valley Railway produced the following letters, as the latest correspondence on the subject, and which he thought should be given to the public as there is such a deep interest in the Valley Road project:

Presque Isle, Me., Sept. 8th, 1911.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley,
Minister of Public Works,
St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir:--We are notifying the Premier of New Brunswick today, that we have made financial arrangements for building the St. John and Quebec Railway (St. John Valley Railway) from Grand Falls to St. John. We trust it will be agreeable to the Department of Railways of Canada to complete the contracts as to subsidy and lease of said road.

We understand the contracts between our company, the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government are to be signed concurrently and we trust it will be convenient for you to arrange the same at an early date.

(Sgd.)

ST. JOHN & QUEBEC RAILWAY COMPANY,
A. R. GOULD, President

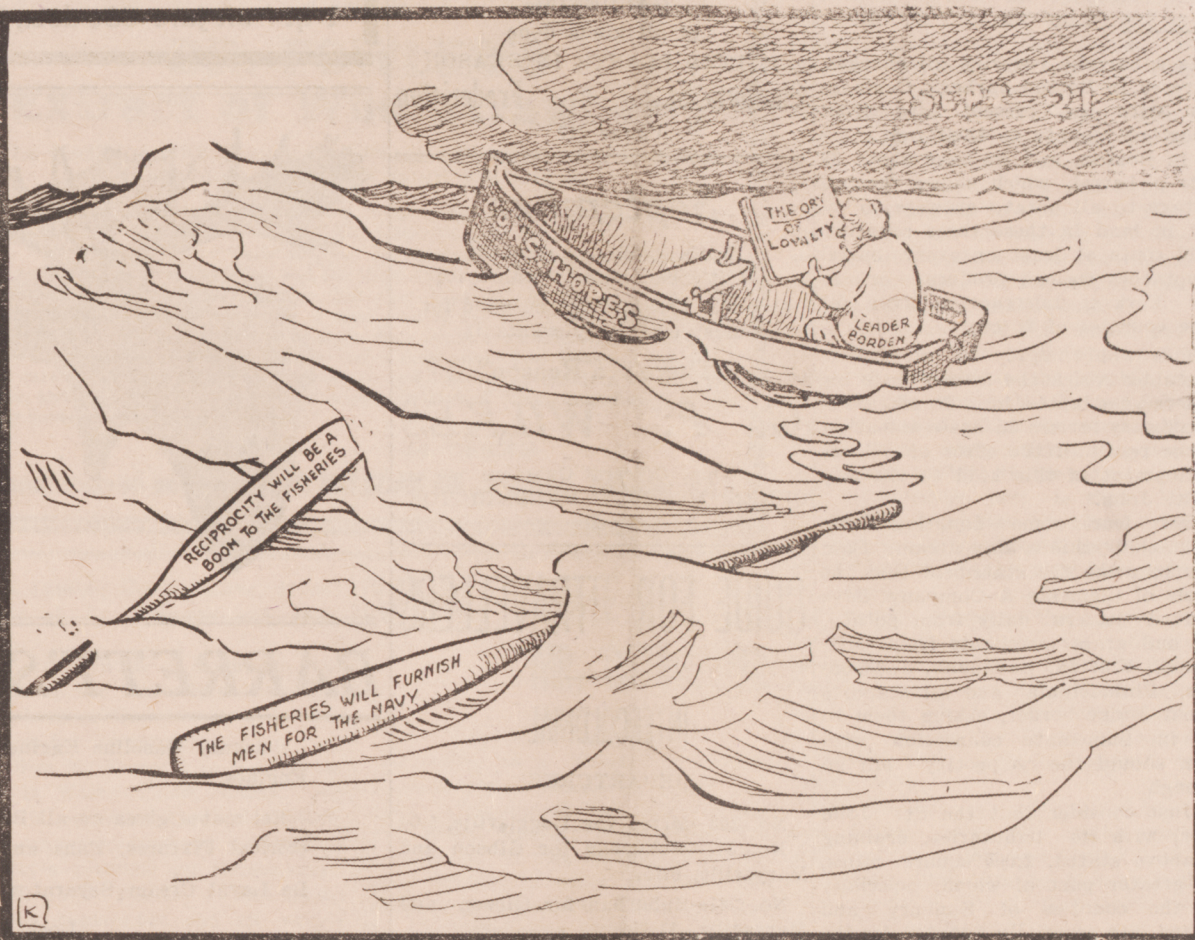
St. John, N. B., Sept. 14th, 1911.

Dear Mr. Gould:--I am in receipt of your letter and am very glad to learn that you have made the necessary financial arrangements for building the Valley Railway from St. John to Grand Falls. I have not heard from the Provincial Government since we met in Ottawa, but whenever they are ready to execute the contract I am prepared to ask the Minister of Railways to sign the contract with your Company for the Dominion subsidy.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) WILLIAM PUGSLEY.

A. R. GOULD, Esq.,
Presque Isle, Me.



HE LOST FIRST ONE OPPORTUNITY AND THEN THE OTHER

MR. CROCKET AND THE SHINGLE TARIFF

The following communication addressed by Mr. O. S. Crocket to the Minister of Finance in March, 1910, speaks for itself:

Finance Minister:
House of Commons,
Ottawa, March 11, 1910
Hon. W. S. Fielding,
Minister of Finance, Ottawa

Dear Mr. Fielding:--I have a communication from the Scott Lumber Company, Ltd., who operate two or three mills in my constituency, requesting me to lay before you connection with the recent negotiations between the Canadian and the United States governments upon the tariff matters, the representation THAT THE RECENT INCREASE IN THE AMERICAN DUTY UPON SHINGLES HAS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE BUSINESS OF CANADIAN MILLS, PARTICULARLY IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES. THEY CLAIM THAT THE RATE OF 50 CENTS PER THOUSAND IS UNREASONABLE AND ALMOST PROHIBITIVE, AND THAT IN THE INTEREST OF THIS TRADE OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD AT LEAST ENDEAVOR TO HAVE IT REDUCED TO THE OLD BASIS OF 30 CENTS A THOUSAND.

I trust that if the question of revision of the two tariffs is taken up that you will bear this communication in mind.

Yours truly,
OSWALD S. CROCKET

As Mr. Crocket correctly pointed out the duty on shingles is almost prohibitive. It is so high that it has almost paralyzed the shingle manufacturing industry. The Laurier government has provided a remedy in reciprocity, but do we find Mr. Crocket supporting it. Not on your life. Consistency thou art a jewel.

OPPOSITION SUPPORT FOR RECIPROCITY

Montreal, Sept. 15.--Seven opposition candidates running in the district of Montreal have come out in favor of Reciprocity. They are Mondou in Yamaska, Barrette in Berthier, Gilbert in Arthabaska, Dortie in Soulanges, Maril in Bagot, Guilbault in Joliette and Monette in La Prairie. Were it not for the anti-naval policy of Mr. Bourassa and the silent support given him by Conservatives there would be no opposition to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in this province.

Mrs H. C. Creed leaves next week for Nova Scotia where she will visit relatives for the next two months. Mrs Finlay and daughter Miss Olive Finlay are spending a few days here with Mrs Finlay's sister, Mrs A. W. Edgcombe.

CANADIAN FARMERS WILL WIN

F. J. Hagenbarth, of Idaho rancher, said before a committee of the Senate of the United States: "The Canadian Government is most liberal and even fraternal in the treatment of the agriculturists and live stock producers, so it is not a violent assumption to predict that, possessing the raw resources and having at its door the greatest open market in the world for its products, and having governmental advantages which this country does not possess, and with wages as low as our own, Canada, with Reciprocity and free Meats, in a generation would outstrip the American producer in his race for a competence."

THE IMPERIAL EDICT MAY HAVE GOOD EFFECT

London, Sept. 16--The Times correspondent at Peking says the Chinese war ministry is taking a less gloomy view of the revolutionary outbreak and believed that had the Sze Chuen rebellion continued, it would easily have been suppressed when the foreign drilled troops which are advancing from Ichang and other reinforcements arrive there, as the rebels are armed mainly with old matchlock guns.

According to the correspondent, the government further believes that the imperial edict issued last Monday, which now should have arrived at Chung-Tu, will have a quieting effect. No anti-foreign incident has yet been recorded, the correspondent says, but it is feared that unless order is soon restored, similar outbreaks will occur in Huh-Eh Sunan and Canton, where the natives hold grievances against the government's policy. The correspondent says in conclusion, that one certain effect of the rising will be the abandonment of military movements in Tibet, and near the Assam and Burmah borders.

NEGRO TO BE HOST OF WHOLE TOWN

Massillon, O., Sept. 16--In celebration of the 48th anniversary of his release from slavery, Gilbert Porter, one of the best known negroes in Stark County, has arranged to give a monster barbecue tomorrow and Monday, to which he has invited all the people of Massillon and vicinity. Several oxen, a dozen sheep and pigs and countless chickens will be roasted to furnish free dinners to the crowd.

ELECTION LIMERICKS.

High tariffs are made for the wealthy
And the good of the smuggler
stealthy,
Let's cut out this ban
As soon as we can
Reciprocity pacts are more healthy.

Biff! a rush and a roar,
Borden's right at the fore.
But he will see his doom
In Reciprocity soon.
Good-bye, Mr. Borden, once more.

There was a young farmer so gay,
Who said to his sweetheart 'Hooray!
Reciprocity's near,
So the way is quite clear,
We shall marry a week from today.'

Reciprocity's going to be
For Canadians the magical key,
To unlock the closed gates,
Behind which there awaits
Wealth, boundless, which ought to
be free.

Mrs Crowe of Peterboro (Ont) is visiting her husband's brother Mr. D. Crowe.

HUMBUGGING THE PEOPLE

Is the Hazen Government Playing into the Hands of the C.P.R.

Great Activity in Surveying Branch Lines is Arousing Suspicion Along the St. John Valley

A report is being industriously circulated in the upper end of the county that the C. P. R. authorities will start at once to survey a line of railway from Benton to connect with Mr. Pinder's proposed road at Hawkshaw. There is also great activity just now in connection with the Southampton branch railway. A large number of men are at work and are making the mud fly at both ends. The C. P. R. has promised to lease and operate the road when completed.

The C. P. R. authorities are also having a survey made of the proposed branch line from Gibson to Minto. Another significant fact is that Sir William VanHorne, chairman of the board of directors of the C.P.R., is stumping the country for the Tory party.

The question that many people are asking just now is, What about the St. John Valley Railway? Mr. Gould is all ready to sign a contract. Why does not the Hazen government come to the scratch? Why don't we hear something from Hon. J. K. Flemming, A. R. Slipp, W. S. Tompkins and other Tories who pretended to be so keenly interested in the Valley Railway a few months ago? Has anybody heard of Mr. Slipp for instance, raising his voice in protest against the present activity of the C.P.R.?

Electors of the St. John Valley, are you going to permit yourselves to be humbugged by the Hazen government? Can you not see through the game they are playing?

ATLANTA'S NEW TABERNACLE

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 16--The Rev. Len G. Broughton will preach his initial sermon tomorrow morning in the new Baptist Tabernacle, which has just been completed in this city at a cost of \$200,000.

Mrs Oxley has gone to Halifax to visit friends.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

An Agent of the Police Said to Have Shot Russian Premier

The Affair was Planned by the Executive of a Jewish Board of Revolutionists

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16--There have been sensational developments in the inquiry at Kiev into the shooting of M. Stolypin. The inquiry has declared the crime to have been of revolutionary origin, and carried out by an agent of the protective political police and specially stationed in the theatre to guard M. Stolypin. It is declared that this first attempt at the revival of terrorism was planned by the executive committee of the Jewish band of social revolutionists, and Finnish revolutionists, who, according to police information, recently federated. The rapid progress of the inquiry was one to the eagerness of the municipality to clear itself of the charge of reckless distribution of admission cards to the theatre. Admission card number 406, entitling its holder to a seat in the 18th row of the theatre, was found on Bogroff. It was issued by the municipality upon a personal request signed by inspector of political police Kulibakko, and by him handed to the agent of Bogroff. The municipality had taken the precaution to photograph Kulibakko's receipt and in the face of this overwhelming evidence, protective police headquarters was obliged to admit the facts of Bogroff's past.

Dmyt Bogroff is an Orthodox Jew. He graduated from Kiev University in 1906. During his course there he joined the social revolutionary group, who entrusted to him in 1907 several serious commissions. He was selected for the second attempt on M. Stolypin's life, but did not carry out his orders. Instead he informed the police and betrayed a large number of his comrades, using the tactics of Eugene Azef, who in 1909 played the double role of leader of the revolutionary Socialist party and political spy to gain the confidence of the police conference. Like Azef, Bogroff in this double role, was tolerated by the police as their sole

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THE LOYALTY OF MR. HAZEN THE LOYALTY OF MR. FLEMMING

St. John Telegraph.)

How do the electors of New Brunswick like Premier Hazen's idea, and J. K. Flemming's idea, of using the money and credit of this Province to finance a Railroad across the State of Maine? After all their talk about loyalty, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Flemming, who tell the farmer that it is disloyal to sell a barrel of potatoes in the Boston market, have tried to divert the Valley Railroad across the State of Maine, thereby building up the northern part of that state and affording an outlet for the very products which Mr. Hazen and Mr. Flemming say would flood this market.

In a letter of Provincial Secretary Flemming to Hon. Dr. Pugsley, dated at Hartland, May 25, 1911, Mr. Flemming wrote: "We have secured the co-operation of a company. We have arrangements made whereby they will be able to construct a first-class line of railway from Saint John to the international boundary in the Parish of Andover. They have also made arrangements whereby they are financially in a position to begin construction immediately of the line both in New Brunswick and ACROSS THE STATE OF MAINE."

What do the farmers of New Brunswick think of such loyalty as this? The Valley Railway plan advocated and brought about by Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Col. McLean, F. B. Carvell and other Liberals is for a first-class road from St. John to Grand Falls, connecting with the Grand Trunk Pacific there, a first-class road for the use of Canadians, EVERY MILE OF IT ON CANADIAN SOIL. JUST COMPARE THAT WITH MR. FLEMMING'S MAINE SCHEME.