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A POLITICAL FAILURE.

Mr. Borden is trying to earn his \$7,000 salary as leader of the opposition, and the latest thing he is reported to have accomplished was to hire a room at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, in which to consult the faithful.

Mr. Borden has his ear to the ground to hear evidence of the country returning to its former Tory allegiance, but he will be a long time listening before he discovers any serious demand from the people for him to lead the government at Ottawa.

In the long line of Tory leaders Mr. Borden is about the least efficient, with the single exception, perhaps, of poor old Sir MacKenzie Bowell, who was so cruelly betrayed by Mr. Foster and six others of his colleagues.

A leader of merit, a man of outstanding ability and political promise would naturally be appreciated and supported in his native province, yet, in the last election Mr. Borden not only failed to carry a single seat in Nova Scotia, but suffered an overwhelming personal defeat in his own constituency at Halifax.

Driven out of his native province by the united voice of sixteen constituencies, declared impossible as a government leader, Mr. Borden was glad to seek a safe haven in an Ontario riding which was never known to return a Liberal, and it is from this refuge, and with a \$7,000 salary in his pocket that the Tory leader emerges to turn out the popular Liberal government and secure place and power for himself and his motley following.

How different with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. A popular hero, a tried and true leader, a patriot, a statesman and a gentleman, he enjoys the almost unanimous support of his native province. He has not been compelled like Borden and Foster, to seek a constituency outside of his own province. There is indeed none that would not be proud to honor him as a representative.

Mr. Borden fails entirely to measure up to the premiership. He is too narrow, too provincial, lacks political vision, tact and force, and in a hundred ways is unfitted to guide the destinies of this great Dominion, which is thriving at such a rate under the wise statesmanship of Laurier.

Mr. Borden is not regarded seriously by leading members of his own party. There are half a dozen men in his party in parliament who believe that they have a greater license than Borden to lead, and who pay little attention to their chief. They go their own way, ignoring, if not despising, the man who was set over them—not because of his conspicuous ability, but as a compromise leader, when almost every prominent Tory had gone down to disastrous electoral defeat.

Mr. Borden is a fine gentleman, a good lawyer and a fair opponent, but he is about as well fitted to govern Canada, as a schoolboy is to preside over a big university.

Mr. Borden, as premier, is impossible, and the Tories themselves know it. The people of Canada are certain of it, and until the opposition party in parliament secure a more efficient leader, and a policy besides muck raking, it will never be entrusted with the destinies of this country.

SURVIVING HEROES.

Among the attractions at a recent Levee which the King gave at Buckingham palace were a hundred white-haired officers, who had distinguished themselves in the wars of the Empire.

Dare-devil young heroes in 1857, they are now men worn with age and many battles. And yet, despite their years, they filed into the presence of the King with straight backs and poised heads, their eyes as keen as when they led those desperate charges which made them famous. The old indomitable spirit was in them still, and they presented a splendid and inspiring picture of unconquerable British fighters.

The Mutiny veterans mixed with the others present at the Levee until they reached the apartment from

which they were to be ushered into the presence of the King. Here they were formed up in three parties as follows:

Lord Roberts, with fifty-five surviving officers of the siege of Delhi.

General Sir George Digby Barker, with twenty survivors of the defence of the Residency of Lucknow.

Lieutenant-General Sir Gordon D. Pritchard, with twenty-six representatives of the army which finally captured Lucknow.

The courtiers, diplomats, distinguished statesmen, men of letters and others were forgotten by the throng at the Levee who had eyes only for the white haired heroes of Britain's great wars.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The muck raker may succeed for a time, but even the men who employ him will come to despise and shun him.

Public sympathy will be extended to the Messrs. Hilyard, whose fine mill at Dalhousie has been destroyed by fire. These gentlemen had built up a splendid industry in the Restigouche shire town, only to see it become a prey to the fire fiend.

What a wealth of material Liberal journalists would have had to draw on from 1878 to 1896, had they undertaken to show to the country the character of some of the Tory leaders at Ottawa. However, they disdained that kind of warfare and helped to drive a corrupt government out of power by showing up its political rascalities.

Today, June 20, is the anniversary of at least three important events of respective local, provincial and Empire wide interest. Fourteen years ago today fire destroyed the greater part of the village of Gibson; thirty years ago today occurred the great fire which devastated St. John, and seventy years ago today Queen Victoria succeeded to the throne of Great Britain.

Seldom in the New Brunswick courts has a client been supported by such a brilliant array of counsel as are assisting Mr. Emmerson in his suit in the York Circuit. Hon. Dr. Pugsley, K. C., Hon. A. S. White, K. C., and Mr. J. H. Barry, K. C., form a trio of able lawyers that would be hard to duplicate in this province at least.

There is to be a great Dominion Day gathering at London, July 1st, when the fortieth anniversary of the Canadian Confederation will be duly celebrated by Canadians and many distinguished guests. The feature of the gathering will be a speech by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is returning to London for the celebration, and two other Canadian ministers, Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. L. P. Brodeur are also expected to be present.

The final location of the Transcontinental Railway in New Brunswick crossing the Fredericton branch of the I. C. R. will send the new line across the I. C. R. at Mr. John Gibson's farm, thirty-four miles from Fredericton and it is said that from that point to St. John via Fredericton and the St. John valley would be twenty miles less than via Chipman and Norton.

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